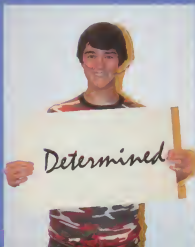
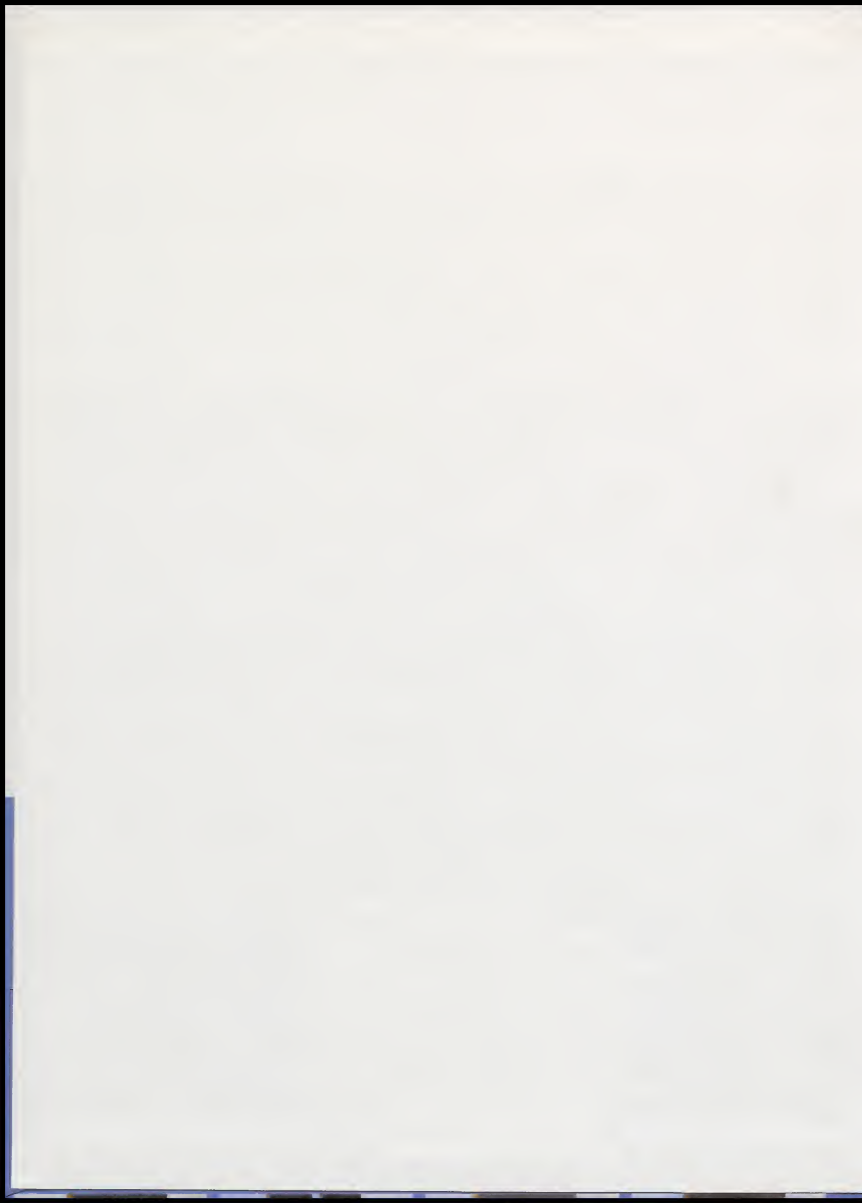


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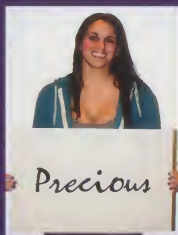
WORDS





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The staff takes a quick picture before getting on the bus to head home after the annual Herff Jones workshop.



The staff shows their college pride during spirit week.

“I couldn't be more proud of this year's staff. They made a conscious effort to provide more coverage for all types of students. It's obvious that they achieved their goal.”

Mrs. Lindsay O'Neill



The Yearbook staff listens attentively to the presenters during the “theme development” session at the workshop.

Letter From the Editors

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this book. We would like to thank Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Kramer, and the entire yearbook staff. You are all truly amazing and we appreciate everything that you have done for this book. It's been a very long process but it always seems to come together in the end. We understand that things can be difficult at times and want to thank you for being so patient. We would like to say good luck to the seniors in the class. Thank you for all of your help over the past few years, and we wish you all the best. Thank you to the administrators, teachers, staff, and students for being so helpful and supportive. Thank you to everyone who participated in Lowell's Got Talent, and the businesses and families that donated to our raffle and book. You all helped us out greatly. Congratulations to the class of 2012! Again, thank you so much to everyone. We could not have achieved this success without you.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Henson, Nicki Ward, Jen Pritchard, Kemper Druckemiller, Maddie Pyke, and Breanna Propes



Indecisive



Confident



Vintage



Peppy



Supercalifragi
listicalspial
ocious



Smiley



Cation



Competitive

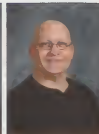
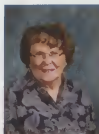
“Happy. Outgoing. Kind. Determined. These are a few of the **words** that students used to describe themselves. Everyone chose a **word** that seemed to reflect their personality the best. Collectively, these **words** portray our school for who we are. With such a diverse student body, it’s impossible to label our school with just one **word**. These **words** truly represent the uniqueness of Lowell High School and set us apart from others. They allow us to express our individuality and offer reassurance to others that it's okay to be yourself. This ultimately proves that we all have a voice, and more importantly, we all have a **word**.”

Kemper Druckemiller (12), editor
and creator of this year's “word” theme



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Senior Royalties

Most School Spirit

Kelsie Roadruck & Zach Hayden



Cutest Best Friends (Girls)

Jessica Sharkey & Chloe White



Anna Sacco & Brandon Bullitt



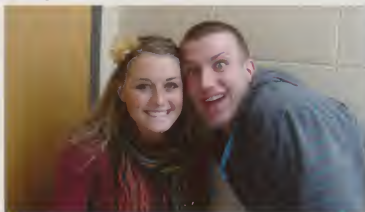
Most Athletic

Kelsey Lukasik & Troy Stupeck



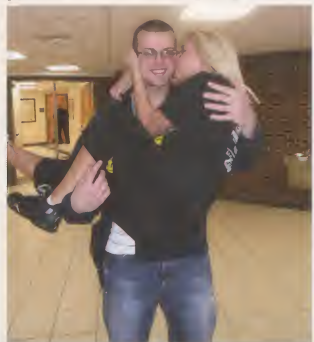
Biggest Case of Senioritis

Ashley Starceovich & Tyler Kristoff



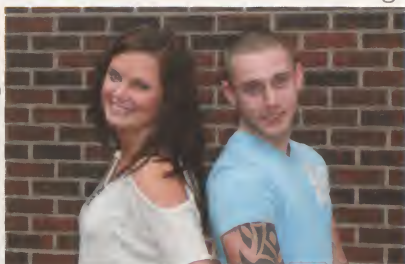
Best Eyes

Most Flirtatious



Lauren Munster & Tyler Kristoff

Most Changed



Sarah Fraikin & Fritz Dorge

Brittany Ashe & Chris Glaze



Shortest

Kelsie Roadruck & Ryan Post



Most Artistic

Best Dressed



Aly Zorica & Jordan Rowe

Best Smile

Jessica Sharkey & Zach Wolfe



Senior Royalties

Best Shoes



Aly Zorica & Nick Kijurna

Leah Fenner & Tyler Kristoff



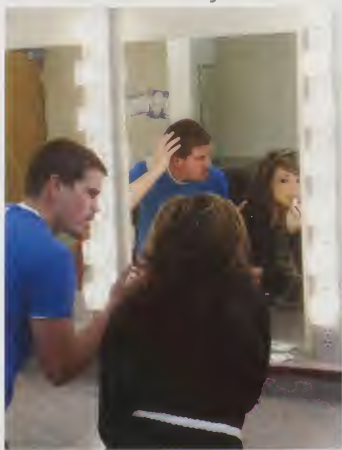
Loudest

Maddie Pyke & Johnny Goodrich



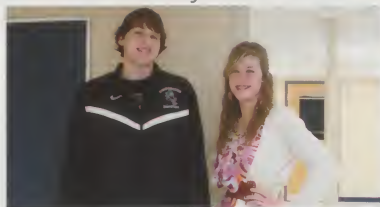
Best Actor

Sam Caudle & Johnny Goodrich



Most Likely to be Rich & Famous

Anna Sacco & Kyle Richwalski



Tallest

Brittany Ashe & Luke Mitrison



Quietest

Cutest Best Friends (Boy & Girl)

Leah Fenner & Scott Pitrowski



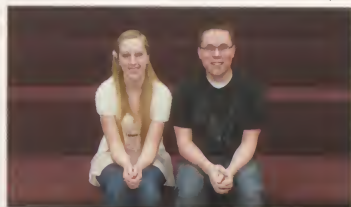
Most Fun to be Around

Chloe White & Tyler Munjas



Most Likely to be President

Best Laugh



Maddie Pyke & Kemper Druckemiller



Best Personality



Stephanie DeSimini & Johnny Goodrich

Kaitlin Wells & Yyves Guillermo



Senior Royalties

Most Likely to Live in Lowell Forever

Brittany Booker & Brandon Reed



Most Likely to Make a Difference

Stephanie DeSimini & Brandon Bullitt



Class Clown

Breanna Greer & Jim Kennelly



Best Hair

Hannah Scott & Nick Kijurna



Cutest Best Friends (Boys)

Kyle Richwalski & Zach Hayden



Worst Car

Dylan Junod



Best Car

Jordyn Reed



Best Car

Zach Heun



Worst Car

Leah Fenner



Most Likely to Brighten Your Day

Chloe White & Jake Hayden



Katie Gasparovic & Clark Mikesell



Least Changed



Class of 2012

Nicholas Aponte

Brittany Ashe

Health Careers

Jacob Augano

Baseball

Guillermo Barrientes

Health Careers



Stephen Barton

James Bilgri

Basketball, Auto Club, FFA, Track

Zachery Blount

Cody Blunt

Auto Club, Football



Alexander Bodine

Theatre

Brianne Boettcher

FOR Club, Habitat for Humanity

Morgan Born

Health Careers

Courtney Bowman

I.C.E



Mark Bradford

Student Council

Jessica Brandmayr

Elizabeth Braun

Brandon Bullitt

Basketball, Baseball, Track, XCC, Mentor, Superbowl, NHS President, Scholar Athlete



Aaron Burgans

Devin Burge

I.C.E

Brittney Burke

John Burnes





Cole Bushore

XCC, Track, FFA

Alexa Campbell

Morgan Campbell

Derek Carlson

Baseball, Football, Tennis,

L-Club, Scholar Athlete



Joseph Carpenter

Nico Carta

Samantha Caudle

DYW

Katelyn Cavanaugh Delvalle

Soccer, Track, DYW



Daniel Chalmers

Kevin Chapman

Dance

Kelly Chase

Alexis Childress



Devynn Cole

Lindsay Cole

Health Careers, Technical Honors,

Student Council, Spell Bowl

Tony Coleski

Julie Collins



Eric Collum

Grace Coluzzi

Cody Conway

Yearbook

Zackery Cooper

ROTC, Law Enforcement, Student Council



Morgan Corbett

Christopher Cormican

Jeremy Crocker

Football, Wrestling, FFA

Peter Dalessandro

Mallory Dandino

I.C.E., Football Manager

Moriah Davis

Justin Deal

Olivia Dehaan

Cheerleading, Athletic Training,

Basketball Manager



Alexa Del Rio

Megan Denhartog

Stephanie Desimini

Adam Devalk



Loren Dickson

Megan Dillman

Fritz Dorge

Building Trades, Football, Baseball, FFA,

Homecoming Court, Most Changed

Kemper Druckemiller

Yearbook Editor, Guidance Assistant,

Theatre, Academic Superbowl



Matthew Durham

Christopher Eaken

JROTC

Jessieann Eakins

Tyler Edwards



Rachel Elliott

JROTC, DYW, Bowling Team

Kyle Erb



“I chose
my word
because

I believe a
positive, sunny

attitude is the

best

way to live

your life!”

Sunny



Tyler Exton

Brittney Faverty



Orangey

"I chose
my word
because I
was and
still am
obsessed
with my
orange
Polo Ralph Lauren
shoes. It
just came to
me because
I was wearing them
that day."

Kayla Felton

FFA Treasurer

Leah Fenner

Evan Finley

Yearbook, Theatre, Band,

Choir Most Improved

Benjamin Fischer

Student Council President,

Technical Honors



Alora Flatt

Matthew Fletcher

Taylor Fortner

Swimming, Health Careers, Homecoming

Court, Technical Honors

Anthony Fosco



Jake Fox

Sarah Fraikin

Jennifer Francis

Spanish Club President,

I.C.E., Theatre

Renee Franker



Alejandra Garcia

Track, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Athletic

Training, Spanish Club, Scholar Athlete

Cody Garcia

Kailey Garcia

Meghan Garcia



Kristina Gardiner

Bryan Garney

I.C.E.

Katie Gasparovic

Katlyn Gensel

Christopher Glaze
Eain Goldsmith



Alison Goodman
John Goodrich



Words

“I chose it
because I
enjoy
writing;
It's
one
of the
primary
ways I
express
myself.”

Kyle Gottschalk
Megan Gramhofer
Breanna Greer
Michael Greer
Student Film Club



Rachel Griffin
Michael Gruszka
Yyves Guillermo
Auto Club, FFA
Nicholas Hamilton



Tyler Hamm
Jessica Hammer
Curtis Hankins
Tyler Harber



Joshua Harbinson
Alex Harbrecht
I.C.E., Football, Baseball
Paul Havlin
Jacob Hayden
Football, Baseball, L-Club





Zachary Hayden
Nathan Heabel

Gamers Guild

Alexander Heninger

Marching Band, ROTC, Student Council, Mentor

Jessica Henshilwood

Swimming, Health Careers



Samantha Hernandez

Culinary Club

Zachary Heun

Best Car

Jacob Hixon

Jonathan Hlebasko



Brittany Holstein Booker

FFA, Mostly Likely to Stay in Lowell Forever

Tyler Horst

Roman Huseman

Christopher Jackson



Kyle Jeffries

Football, Basketball, XCC, Baseball

Alison Johnson

Soccer, Swimming, Softball, L-Club,
Yearbook, NHS, Superbowl, Scholar
Athlete

Haley Johnston

Sarah Jonas

NHS, L-Club, Volleyball, Softball Manager,
Yearbook, Scholar Athlete, Superbowl



Dylan Junod

Nikki Karner



Jessica Keane

James Kennelly

"I chose
the word
awesome
because it
simply
describes
me
as a
person."

Awesome

Alyssa Kersey
Volleyball, Track, Student Council, L-Club,
NHS, Superbowl, Basketball Manager, DYW

Jenna Kieta
Nicholas Kijurna
Wroe King



Payton Kinnaird

Choir

Joseph Kleine

Emily Klotz

Volleyball, Health Careers

William Koester



Tyler Kristoff

Football, Wrestling, Loudest,

Most Flirtatious, Best Eyes

Jimmy Krizan

Boban Krsteski

Jaqueline Kubart



Heather Lamber

Kevin Lange

Michael Lauridsen

Keith Lee



Tyler Logsdon

Brian Lubert

Swimming, Tennis, I.C.E

Emily Lueder

NHS Secretary

Kelsey Lukasik

Golf



“I *picked*
this word
because I'm
small
and
fun
to be
around.”

Fun-Sized



Gamer

"I chose
this word
because
ever since
I was
four
years old,
I always
had a
keyboard or
controller
in
hand."

Kraig Maatman
Brandon Mackey

Austin Magley
Football, Basketball, Baseball, L-Club, NHS,
Scholar Athlete, Highest GPA 3-Sport athlete,
Academic All-State Football, Indiana
Academic All Star, Joe Tiller Football
Foundation Scholar-Athlete of the
Year Finalist
Allison Manchester



Justine Manno
Tiffanie Marimen
Tyler Marx
Danielle Mason
FFA, ROTC



Patrick Mattes
Linsey Matthews
Thomas McFarlane
Ryan McGannon



Zachary McKevitt
Student Council, Friends of Rachel Club
Kathleen Megquier
Kristopher Melia Halupniczak
Brandon Mercede



Kelli Merkel
Kyle Meyers
Choir, Football Manager
Lauren Meyers
Clark Mikesell

Kyle Mikicich
Sean Misiora

Joseph Mislan
Kara Mitchell

“ I chose that Bible
verse
because it's a verse I
live by.
It's something very
important to me.
Whenever I get
discouraged,
I think of
that
verse and remember
I can do
anything! ”

Philippians 4:13



Scott Mitrisin
Timothy Mize

Football, Golf- L-Club Leadership, Varsity
Sportsmanship, Most Improved, Hole-in-One

Andrew Monix

Track, FFA, Auto Club, Football

Jennifer Monroe



Casey Moore

Auto Club, FFA

Elizabeth Moore

Thomas Moore

Marching Band

Tyler Morache



Tyler Munjas

Football, Basketball, XCC, Track, Superbowl,
Decathlon, Scholar Athlete, Academic All-
Conference, Homecoming Court,

Most Likely to be President

Trevor Nantais

Carlee Newsome

Jordan Nichols



Kyle Nippers
Todd Norton
Austin O'Grady
Holly Ohrt





Kurtis Ortell
Ashley Osborn
Alexandria Pampalone
Kerriann Paris
 Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, NHS,
 L-Club, Superbowl, Scholar Athlete



Ashley Pastuszak
 Golf Captain, L-Club, Superbowl, NHS,
 Basketball Manager, Student Council,
 Track Manager, Scholar Athlete,
 Academic All-Conference,
 Homecoming Court
Will Peterson
 FFA, Auto Club
Zak Piro
Scott Pitrowski



Ryan Post
Lauren Pressley
Jennifer Pritchard
Andrew Prokopos



Andrea Proud
 JROTC, Marching Band/Color Guard,
 Student Council, Swimming
Stephanie Proud
Madeline Pyke
 Show Choir, Film Club, Student Council,
 Guidance Assistant, Theatre Secretary,
 Yearbook Editor
Ranee Pyrtle



Charming

"I picked
 charming
 because I
 always
 have the
 right
 words
 to say, at
 exactly
 the right
 time."

Samuel Quirarte
Katrina Rasmussen
 Bowling, Student Council, DYW, I.C.E

Alexander Rastall Musgraves
Brandon Reed

Jordyn Reed
Cheerleading, Gymnastics
Brian Rendant



Daniel Reyes
Elizabeth Reyes



“When choosing
the word
'ready,'
I tried to describe
myself as 'ready
to get out of
high school,'
'ready for whatever
challenges
may come,' and
'ready for
what my
future may
hold.”

Ready

Kyle Richwalski
Basketball, NHS, Scholar Athlete,
Football, Tallest, Cutest Best Friends

Zachary Rickert
Kelsey Roadruck

Cheerleading, Academic Decathlon
Cody Robinson
Track, Football, XCC



Azucena Rosas Gonzalez
Track, Soccer, Athletic Training,
Tennis, Basketball, Spanish Club,
Scholar Athlete, Track, Sportmanship

Harris Rosenbalm
Austin Rosinko
Auto Club President
Eric Ross



Jordin Rothrock
Nicholas Rouhselang
Leah Rounsaville
Jordan Rowe



George Rugis
Anna Sacco
Track, Volleyball, Basketball, L-Club,
Dakota Salatas
Vanessa Sams
I.C.E., Swimming, XCC, Track





Lisa Schaaf

Volleyball, Tennis, Student Council, I.C.E., Boys Soccer Manager

Lori Schaaf

Volleyball, Baseball Manager, Scholar Athlete, I.C.E.

Nicholas Schoon

Marching/Jazz/Pep Band, NHS, Baseball, Swimming, L-Club, Superbowl, Improv Club, Scholar Athlete, Senator Lugar Leadership Symposium, ISU Honor Band

Taylor Schupp

Theatre, Yearbook, Event Staff, Spellbowl, Superbowl



Hannah Scott

Luke Scott

Michael Scott

Ryan Sederholm



Jessica Sharkey

Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, L-Club, NHS, Student Council, Highest GPA 3-Sport Athlete, Tennis First Team All-Conference, Volleyball Academic Team All-Conference, Volleyball 2nd Team All-Conference/All Area

Victoria Shepler

JROTC, Student Council

Amanda Shurman

Drew Simpson

Baseball, Basketball



Steven Sisk

Haley Slavis

Volleyball, L-Club, Superbowl, Baseball Manager, Volleyball Sportsmanship, Academic Team-All Conference Volleyball

Amanda Slusser

Renee Speers

Tennis, Friends of Rachel Club

"I'm always the one of my friends to come up with the *crazy, creative*, activities we do."

Creative



Melissa Stachon

Joshua Stanton

Ashley Starceovich

Softball, Best Eyes

Sarah Starceovich

Cassie Steffek
 Katelyn Steffens
 Jamie-Lynn Stinnett
 Brandi Stormer



Alex Streeter
 Troy Stupeck
 Football, Basketball, Golf,
 Baseball, FFA, Auto Club
 Alexander Suarez
 Cody Suchic
 Baseball, FFA, Auto Club



Savannah Summers
 Felicia Tedesso
 Kyle Terry
 FFA, Auto Club
 Richard Thomas



Tyler Thomas
 Track, XCC, Swimming
 Allyson Thompson
 Superbowl, L-Club, NHS Vice President,
 Spell bowl, Cheerleading Captain,
 Tennis, Track, Baseball Manager/Trainer,
 Highest GPA 3 sport athlete, Mentor
 Academic All-State, DYW 2012
 Jacob Thompson
 Erick Tiemens



Lauren Tonevich
 Rachael Toney
 Cadet teaching, Premiere Distinction,
 Student Aid, Yearbook



Kayla Towry
 Alex Turner



“I picked
easygoing
 as my
 word
 because
 I'm really
laid back
 and don't
 get
 worked up
 about
 anything.”

Easygoing



Ashley Ulanowski

Cheerleading Captain, Gymnastics Captain,
Track, L-Club, Scholar Athlete

Brittney Ulanowski

Cheerleading Captain, Gymnastics Captain,
Track, DYW, L-Club, Scholar Athlete

Amy Vaneck

Tyler Vanlieshout



Kyle Verhoeve

Nakayla Wade

Sarah Ward

Alexander Warrer

Soccer, Band



Daphne Wealing

Christine Weinkauff

Kaitlin Wells

Swimming Captain, L-Club, Peer Mentor

Chloe White

Volleyball, Tennis, L-Club, NHS



Ryan Wieser

Jason Wietbrock

Jesse Wilkes

Track, Golf

Cassandra Williams



Jacob Williams

Nicholas Willison

Danielle Wilson

SADD, ROTC, Basketball, Softball, Student
Council, Main Council, Friends of Rachel

Zachary Wolfe

Football, Track, Scholar Athlete, Best Smile



Connor Wood

Varsity Swimming: MVP, Record Holder:

100 Breaststroke 200 I.M

Casey Zaberdac

Theatre, Band

Ricardo Zelaya

Alexandria Zorica

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Brian Addlesberger
Shannon Amazzaloro
Lucie Arnold
Zachary Arnold
Peyton Asher
Carley Austgen



Austen Backe
Alexandra Bakker
Brittany Balcerak
Logan Bales
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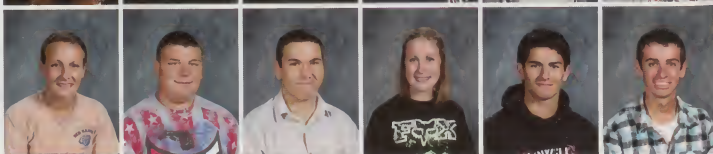
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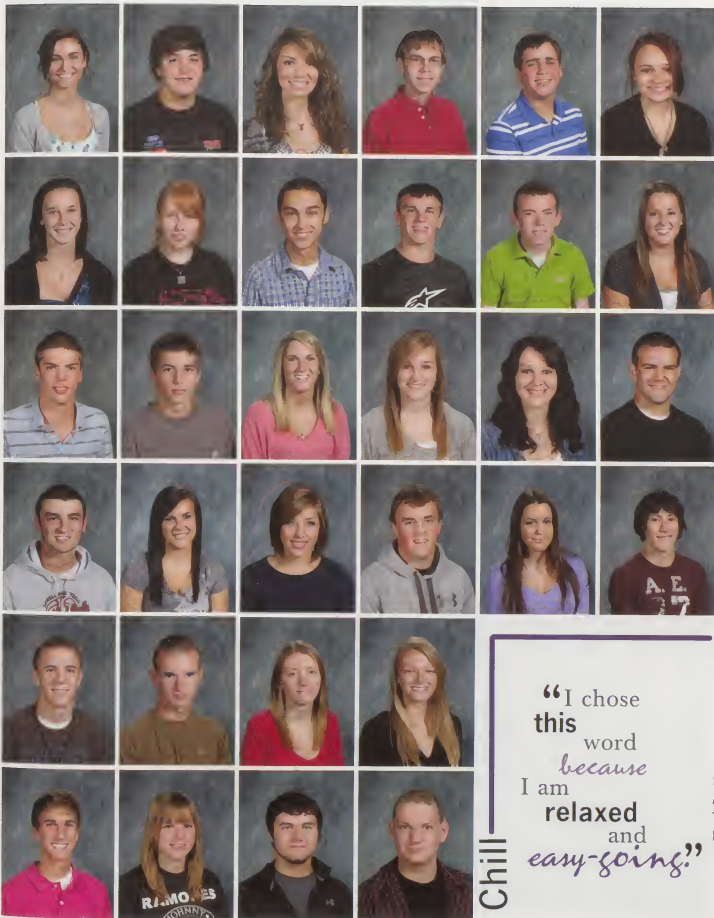


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Brandon Burke
Andi Burns
Joshua Bustamante
Tyler Campbell





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Garrett Corning
Alyssa Cory

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Jacob Crawford
Jamy Crocker
Kayla Cross
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Jeffrey Cummins

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Victoria Delgado
Shelby Downen
Austin Druckemiller
Luna Duric
Cory Dyer

Kyle Eads
James Eberle
Anna Edwards
Sarah Edwards

Kyle Eller
Anna Engels
Trenton Espravnik
Kenneth Fallon

Chill

"I chose
this
word
because
I am
relaxed
and
easy-going."

Morgan Farrell
Theodore Feddeler
Taylor Feeley
Hannah Felder

"I chose
this word because
I saw it
in my
student planner
and I thought
it described
me
well.
I try to be
positive and
high-spirited
as much as
possible."

ebullient



Holly Fletcher
Maria Fonseca
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Jacob Ford
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Julia Friedrich
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Colin Gleason
Kalyne Godbolt
Greisel Gomez
Rebecca Greaney
Luke Greer
Austin Griffith

Eric Groebner
Laura Grubbe
Joseph Gruszkowski
Rachel Hall
Kaitlyn Ham
Nicholas Hamm



Lakers

“I am a
huge
Lakers fan, and
I have been
a Lakers fan
since I
was
thirteen,
and I
have not
missed a
Lakers' game
since I
was
fourteen.”

Jacob
Hardesty
Wesley Hardin
Andrew Hays
Suezanna
Haywood

Brandon
Heaviland
Nicholas
Heaviland
Eero Heljo
Nathan Henry

Kaitlyn Henson
Nathan Hernandez
Michael Hilbrich
Elizabeth Hilt
Jared Hopkins
Zachery Horsley

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Luke Isen
Allison Itczak

Kyle Janko
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Joey King
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Cassandra Kroll
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Mitchell Lewis



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Kayla Loitz



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Kara Manojlovich
Mikayla Marcinek



Alexis Marshall
Jasmine Martin
Alyssa Matthews
Anthony Maurer
Marysa Mavrakys
Zachary McDonald



Timothy Mele
Andrew Michiels
Tyler Milby
Victoria Miley



Garrett Miller
Kayla Miller
Maureena Miller
Zachary Miller



“I’m not
truly
a ‘gangster.’
I try to
act like I’m
the
toughest
person ever,
but deep
inside,
I’m the
scariest
person ever.”

gangster



Hannah Million
Darby Misner
Rebecca Mitchell
Reid Mitsch
Jessica Monos
Katherine Mooney



Nicholas Moore
Nathan Morey
Katrina Morgan
Dean Morrone
Payton Morrone
Zachary Mroczkowski



Rebecca Nagel
Mackenzie Nichols
Victoria Nichols
Victoria Nida
Breanna Norris
Ashley Nowak



Matthew Nuccio
Morgan O'Hanlon
Gabrielle Oden
Alicia Ogrodowski
Holly Opat
Marcos Palhares



Ryan Patterson
Niko Pellegrini
Tess Perfetti
Krista Peyton
Jason Pizano
Kayla Poletto
Morache



Zachary Polich
Nicholas Porras
Jeffrey Potat
Zachary Potat



Austin Powers
Breanna Propes
Emily Quirarte
Austin Ragan

antiliseestablishmentarianism

"I chose
this word
because it
is one of
the
longest
in the
English
language."

Brandon Rendant
Andrea Rivera
Vanessa Rivera
Andrew Roadruck

“It defines
who
I am.
It says
ruggedness
and experience.
My beard
is my
identity,
and without it
I'd look
like a
twelve
year old.”

Beard



Raymond Schmidlin
Devin Schnelle
Koree Scott
Tyler Seramur
Brendon Shanks
Kayla Sheets



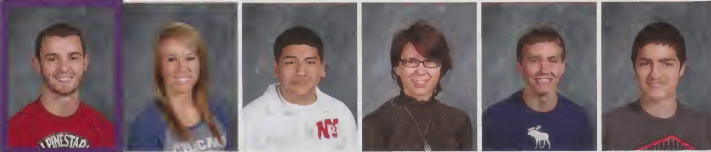
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Haley Stender
Cynthia Stewart



Scott Stok
Morgan Stupeck
Emmanuel Suarez
Megan Suarez
Mason Sullivan
David Summers



Samantha Swank
Coty Swartz
Zoe Swinson
Jinger Szura
Federico Tagliatti
Sarah Tedesso



Spontaneous

"I believe that to fully enjoy life, each day must be played a little differently. By never having a regular routine for my life, 'spontaneous' would be the best word to define me."

Bryan Thomas
Justin Tieri
Jennifer Tokarz
Steven Torrez

Delaina Trusty
Hannah Tucker
Alecia Valadez
Nicole Vander Veen

Nicole Vandyke
Constance Vendt
Mollie Vicari
Dylon Vick
Ana Villarreal
Zachary Wakefield

Matthew Waldron
Courtney Walter
Lindsay Ward
Nicole Ward
Jason Warrer
Christopher Watt

Patricia Weeks
Kailey Weller
Amanda Wells
Cody Wells
Carissa Whatley
Brendan White

Kyle White
Sarah Wietbrock
Kaitlin Wilkey
Rebekah Williams
Blake Williams
Radnick
Eric Witrykowski

Julia Witvliet
Kierra Wright
Cambria Wynsma
Natalie Zeiter
Katelyn Zubrick

Class of 2014

Maxwell Adler
Aubrey Allen
Jefferey Allen
Erica Anderson
Michael Anderson
Seth Anderson



Rachel Arnold
Kendra Artman
Ryan Ashe
Morgan Ball
William Barker
Aaron Barnett



Brooklin Bates
Chyee Batsel
Kody Berbig
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Tyler Biggs
Zachary Bishop



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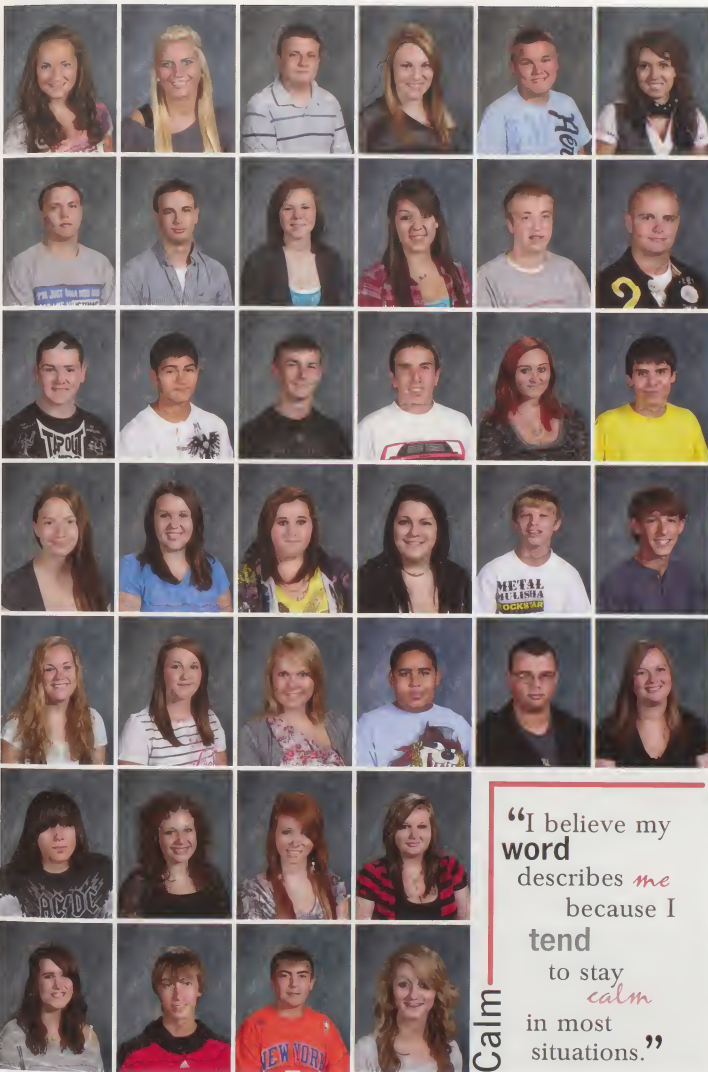


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Blair Bruno
Maxwell Buche
Jesse Bulanda



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Jessica Bydalek
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Jake Carter
Sabrina Cebra





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Devin Chasko
Brianna Cherven
Lucas Chraponski
Allison Cizmar

Austen Comstock
Dakota Comstock
Mackenzie Connors
Angelica Contreras
Nolan Cook
Ty Cook

Jacob Cooper
Nickoulas Cooper
Garcia
Quincey Corning
Jared Cottingham
Harley Cowart
Jackson Crider

Whitney Cross
Kaitlyn Crouch
Amanda
Cunningham
Kelsea Curran
James Curry
Tyler Damm

Paiton Daniel
Abigail Davis
Megan Degroot
Jeramie Desir
Kyle Dewitt
Ashley Doran

Gram Dukes
Nicole Dumbsky
Amanda Dust
Christina Dvorak

Ashlee Dyer
Mason Eatinger
Caleb Elliott
Courtney Espravnik

“I believe my
word
describes *me*
because I
tend
to stay
calm
in most
situations.”

Calm

Bridget Estrada
Jorge Estrada
Samantha Evans
Brandi Faverty
Joseph Ferry
Mark Ferry



George Fields
Hailey Fisher
Ryan Flatt
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Rosa Fonseca
Nicole Foresta



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Savannah Gaza
Shawn Gaza



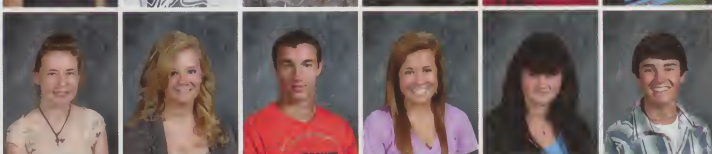
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Jane Graham
Nicholas Gramhofer
Jacob Griffin



Cory Griffith
Jacob Gross
Christopher Gruszka
Cecelia Guelinas
Austin Hagle
Brandon Hagle



Crystal Hall
Morgan Hall
Aaron Hamm
Samantha Hammer
Kayla Hammond
Jordan Hansen



Nicole Hasley
Malena Hernandez
Nicholas Hernandez
Nicholas Herring
Logan Heuer
Steven Hill





Michael Hilt
Samantha Holder
Ashley Hudgens
Kenneth Hughes



Taylor Hughes
Tyler Hutton
Kristin Irvine
Austin Johnston



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Lauren Kalvaitis
Alexis Kampe
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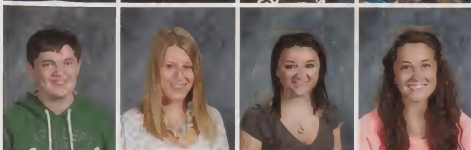
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Michaela Klein
Hannah Knoblich
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Christina Kotchou
Samuel Kouder



Eric Kresich
Thomas Krick
Stojan Krsteski
Amanda Krusza
Taylor Kueck
Justin Kurtz



Jacob Lang
Hailey Langmeyer
Brittany Lasecki
Mallory Leckrone
Taylor Levine
Kara Lewandowski

Creative

“I chose
this
word because

I *love*
art
and I
draw a lot.”

Bishop Lewis
 Katey Lewis
 Emma Littrell
 Evelyn Lucero
 Manuel Lucero
 Lisa Lutgen



Derek Mace
 Sophia Madura
 Rebecca Maldonado
 James Markve
 Bianca Martin
 Daniel Martin



Steven Matalin
 Kaitlynn Matthews
 Matthew Matthias
 Michael Matthias
 Pauley Mauer
 Julia Mauratic



Alexander Mavros
 Anna Mayer
 Kaitlyn McClintic
 Vanessa McCracken
 Emily McLellan
 Elizabeth McPherson



Cody McTaggart
 Jeremy Meadows
 Rachel Megquier
 Jessi Merkel
 Joshua Mertz
 John Metzger



Ryan Milanowski
 Addam Miranda
 Reese Mitsch
 Lydia Montanez



“ I chose this
 word to
describe

how I *act* around the house.

I chose it because

I'm not very

active,
 if I'm ever
 even there. ”

Tyler Morgan
 Willard Mudd
 Nathan Muha
 Noah Newcomb



Lazy



Riley Newsome
Amy Nootbaar
Ryana Nord
Zachary Norton
Joseph Nowocin
Morgan O'Grady

Taylor Obermeyer
Quintin Oller
Sarah Opat
Brittany Ortell
Alexandria Partain
Seth Patrick

Nicholas Paul
Raveysia Payton
Derek Pearman
Kylee Pelton
Christopher Perrin
Steven Petrovski

Dakota Pociask
Alyssa Pokropinski
Austin Poortenga
Kristie Qualizza
Caleb Raby
Nickolas Raby

Hanna Rainwater
Francesca Rebesco
Jennifer Reed
Joseph Reed
Grant Revere
Ninfa Rivera

Morgan Roberts
Jonathan Robinson
Kassandra Rodriguez
Jacob Roop

Cory Rosenbauer
Kristina Rosenbaum
Corina Roth
Luke Rudzinski

"I chose
this
word because
I can
be loud
and
annoying
at times."

Loud

Brittany Ryder
Monique Sabaitis
Cameron Scales
Daniel Scheiwe

“My
friend
picked it
for
me.”

Quiet

Owen Scherette
Logan Schiessle
Austin Schreiber
Dandeliah Schultz

Garrett Scott
Stephanie Scott
Selena Seiber
Emily Sheets
Alec Shurman
Ashley Sierzputowski

Edward Simmons
Mallory Slavis
Jacob Slusser
Clint Smejek
Clark Smith
Corey Smith

Justin Smith
Rachel Smith
Rita Smith
Aaron Snyder
Kyle Snyder
Nicholas St Martin

Isaak Stagl
Elizabeth Stanton
Courtnee Steffek
Kristina Stefoski
Benjamin Stinnett
Derek Streeter

Jordan Sturgill
Lauren Suarez
Anthony Sucich
Alexandra Suckow
Samuel Swart
Kate Swisher





Amanda Tindle
Samantha Townsley
Jaycee Troha
Emma Turner
Shanya Turner
Collin Utley



Jake Vancuren
Marisa Vandrunen
Zackary Vanhook
Louis Varella
Paul Vogel
Leeasa Wade



Brenden Waggoner
Shantelle Walker
Britney Warn
Sarah Weber
Tim Wehrle
Grant Weinmann



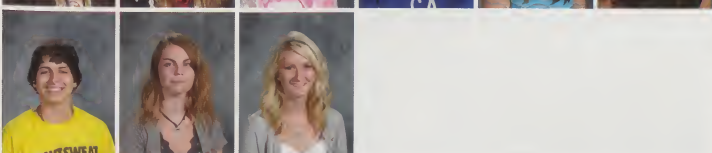
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Anna Wildman
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Jeremy Williams
Hannah Willis
Jason Willison
Zachary Wilson
Rilee Witt



Taylor Wood
Sydney Workman
Paige Wujcik
Jacob Wyrick
Kayle Yarrington
Madeline Zaberda



Sebastian Zagarena
Abigail Zerby
Jorden Zubay

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Jacob Ahlgrain
Rashed Alasfar
Kolbe Albin
Tyler Andries
Brandon Arena
Chadd Arnold



Joshua Arnold
Kaylee Arnold
Mollie Arnold
Brandon Arsenault
Trevor Asher
Ashlyn Backe



Anthony Bakker
Jessica Balcerak
Jamie Banis
Jakub Baran
Sydney Barta
Blake Baumeister



Ariel Beamish
Joshua Beckham
Austin Belt
Kaitlyn Berkshire
Dana Biederman
John Bigbie



Katherine Bilgri
Zachary Bobos
Jason Borowski
Kelsea Brady
Brianna Braun
Burgandy Braun



Adam Brown
Ryan Bruce
Krystina Brugh
Emily Bruiniss
Jessica Bullitt
Kourtnei Burright





Haily Bushore
Gavin Busick
Patrick Bustamante
Joshua Cahaddon
Robert Calabrese
Carly Cales



Abigail Calton
Staci Calvery
Dominic Cappelletti
Casey Carlson
Antonio Carta
Richard Chase



Martin Christensen
Trever Clark
Francis Clifford
Scott Collum
Jared Conley
Casey Connolly



Luis Contreras
Emma Cook
Tyler Cooper
Dakoyta Corning
Taylor Crum
Brooke Cummins



Brianna Czaszewicz
Anthony Dafcik
Chase Daugharty
Ashley Deboer
Rebekah Dehaan
David Delgado



Joseph Delira
Spencer Dennis
Keith Desimini
Kyle Deutsch
James Devries
Michael Devries



Michael Dewes
Susan Dickson
Lauren Doan
Jasmine Donaldson
John Dougherty
Andrejas Duerig

Brooke Dunson
Jessica Dvorscak
Kristina Earle
Jennifer Echterling
Forrest Eliou
Andrew Fallon



Madison Feeley
Connor Felton
Brittany Finigan
McKenna Fisher
Joseph Fleming
Callie Flowers



Aubrey Flynn
Branden Fortner
Joceline Fortoso
Quentin Foust
Andrew Fox
Danielle Francis



Thomas Frazier
Kevin Frederick
Jack Friedrich
Noah Fronck
Frank Futia
Manuel Gandara



Zachary Garcia
Justine Gatlin
Brannon Geist
Meghan Gies
Adam Godbolt
Alyssa Gonzales



Hailey Goodwin
Paul Greaney
Zakary Green
Jordan Gregory



Amanda Gruszka
Jared Grych
Robert Hale
Chelsea Halinski



“I have never met
anyone
quite like myself.
I have several qualities
that make me
a **unique** person.
I love to read,
write, draw, and listen
to music, as well as
many other things.
There are others who
share these interests,
but I have my own
interpretation
of my activities.”

Unique



Gabrielle Harbrecht
Danielle Harmston
Taylor Helgoth
Kristopher Hesel
Nicholas Hennessy
Alvaro Hernandez



Isaac Hernandez
Zachary Herr
Thomas Hesh
Jacob Hesse
Patrick Hetler
Reed Holdeman



Jennifer Hoover
Lydia Hoover
Tyler Hopkins
Jacob Horsley
Rebecca Hudgens
Morgan Hughes



Carlie Hult
Ethan Huseman
Cora Hutton
Cody Imes
Samantha
Ingebretnsen
Austin Ingram



James Jackson
Kayla Janko
Aleksandar
Jovanoski
Brittany Judge
Hunter Jusevitch
Alexandra Justice



Kimberly Kasparian
Kiefer Kersey
Samantha Kinnis
Kyle Kmetz
Haley Kontol
Nicholas Kotyuk



Liza Kouns
Jay Kowalewski
Timothy Kreczmer
Lynette Krick
Samantha Kupsik
Brandon Kurtz

Emily Lach
Ashley Lantz
Richard Lauridsen
Emily Layer
Kassidy Lee
Kate Lewandowski



Skyler Lewis
Charles Loitz
Joe Long
Mike Long
Joseph Lopez
Caroline Lutgen



Wynonna Lyles
Nicholas Manno
Jessica Marinceski
Nicholas Marlett
Kaitlyn Marshall
Paige Martin



Victoria Martin
Michael Mason
Zachary Massengill
Cory Mathewson
John Mayer
Jordan Mazzaro



Tyler Mazzaro
Rees McCloskey
Kyle McGannon
Emily McGee
Robert McInnis
Katherine Means



Tristan Mele
Tabitha Melendez
Kristi Melia
Sam Meyer
Janine Michalik
Erika Miley



Veronica Miller
Nickolas Minnick
Jamie Molden
Kelsey Molden
Sherry Molden
Cody Munster





Marissa Murphy
Sarah Myers
David Nadolski
Logan Nadolski
Amanda Nippers
Amber Norris

Miranda Olson
Samantha
Pagnusat
Monica Parilac
Caleb Parker
Troy Pate
Bethany Patmore

Noah Patrick
Caroline Patz
Jordan Peacock
Cheyenne Perrotta
Sabrina Phillips
Jake Piepho

Kasey Piro
Gloria Pizano
Zachary Ploski
Alexia Prokopos
Gabriel Prokopos
Jorge Quirarte

Ariana Ramon
Alicia Redmon
Brianna Redmond
Brea Regula
Jason Rhoten
Julie Rickaby

Rebecca Rickaby
Brett Riley
Alexandra Ritchie
Jonathan Rivera

Isaac Rizo
Samantha Roach
Savannah Roach
Johnathan Robinson

Indescribable

“I think that I am too **crazy** and *random* to pick just one word. Also, when people meet me they are sometimes at a *loss* for words. I thought that my word **best** fit my *personality.*”

Megan Robinson
Benjamin Roesel
Neko Romano
Sidney Roney
Holly Rosenbalm
Cody Rosenthal



Carson Rosinko
Jacob Rothrock
Savanna Ryder
Jason Salatas
Anthony Saldivar
David Santaquilani



Jayson Savich
Hayley Schmidt
Nicholas
Schrombeck
Jared Scott
Maria Scott
Travis Sears



Raven Seitzinger
Nicole Sharkey
Sondra Sheely
Leeann Sheets
Haley Shepard
Jessica Shope



Myles Siedentopf
Pamela Simmons
Brittany Simpson
Kyle Sisk
Shelbi Skorka
Katelyn Slusser



Brandon Smith
Christine Smith
Elizabeth Smith
Mirenda Smith
Justin Spivey
Larz Stanford



David Stanker
Joshua Starcevich
Matthew Starcevich
Savana Stefoski
Alexis Stender
Sam Steward





Katherine Stinnett
Magdelana Stinnett
Gage Stowell
Jeremy Surowiec
Jordan Szorc
Juniper Szura



Josie Taylor
James Tokarz
Kelly Tokarz
Alex Torres
Schyler Tully
Joshua Turner



Riley Vanderaa
Alexandra Vandeursen
Joseph Vaneck
Cesar Vasquez
Nikolas Vasquez
Nina Vasquez



Nicholas Wakefield
Amy Wallis
Caitlyn Walter
Joel Ward
Stephanie Ward
Rebecca Wasserott



Austin Wheeler
Lyndsey White
Johnathan Wietbrock
Kristen Wietbrock
Alex Wiler
Patrick Wilk



Colton Wilkey
Tahnee Wisch
Michelle Wood
Victoria Wynsma
Tristan York
Emily Yzaguirre



Nicol Zagarena
Megan Zamazal
Austin Zepess

Summer

Joel Ward (9) and Nicki Ward (11) take a minute to pose for a photo while riding a roller coaster during vacation with the family in the Wisconsin Dells.



Lori Schaaf (12) poses for a picture with the new friends she made on her youth trip to Connecticut.



My favorite part of summer was...

"...riding and showing my horse."

KRISTA PEYTON (11)

"...going to a Wiz Khalifa concert."

MORGAN STUPECK (11)

"...spending time with my cousin from Alabama."

MARK BRADFORD (12)

"I got married this summer!!"

MR. HIGGINS

"...going to my best friend's house in Michigan."

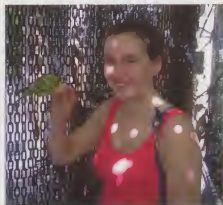
HOLLY OHRT (12)

"Our road trip to Florida."

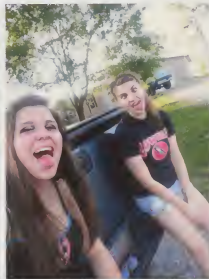
BRANDON BULLITT (12)



Standing in front of the Eiffel Tower on a breezy day, Trevor Nantais (12), Jen Pritchard (12), Eli Ceiga (11), and Rachel Griffin (12) pose for a quick picture on their "People to People" trip.



Cassandra Williams (12) poses with a tropical bird while in the Washington Park Zoo bird exhibit.



Natalie Zeiter (11) and Kaitlyn Henson (11) show their goofy side while attending a going away party for a LHS foreign exchange student!

"Eat. Sleep. Swim. Win."

Connor Wood (12)



Talking With Trevor

Name: Trevor Nantais
Grade: Senior

What did you do this summer?

I traveled with "People to People," took part of HOBY, went to bowling camp, visited Wisconsin with Grace Coluzzi (12), and performed over 100 hours of community service.

What was this best thing you did this summer?

"People to People." I went to Europe and had the best experience ever. My favorite place was Venice, Italy. It was amazing. I loved making new friends and going to new places.

What extracurriculars are you involved in?

I am on the bowling team, in theater, SADD, and senior Student Council.

Anything else?

"Coke is much better carbonated overseas!!"



Relaxing by the pool, Emily Quirarte (11), Griesel Gomez (11), Alison Johnson (12), Azucena Gonzalez (12), and Alejandra Garcia (12) took a quick break from soccer practice to do some group bonding.



“So, is it summer again yet?”

Allie Katras (10)

Summer Adventure

The clock is ticking on Wednesday June 15th, as the students anticipate the bell; summer is about to begin. Whether it's preparing for college, working a summer job, going on vacation, or simply sleeping in, all students and teachers look forward to the long-awaited summer break.

Many students are fortunate enough to travel during the summer months. Some went to St. Louis and attended a baseball game, while others went to Paris, France and enjoyed the **adventure** of a lifetime. Shelby Brown (11) went to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip. “My favorite part of summer was seeing how people live and meeting amazing people out there.”

Other students, who may not have been as lucky, simply enjoyed the free time summer had to offer. Renee Speers (12) stayed home and visited her family. Renee, like other students, took summer vacation to relax and stay at home. “I love visiting my family. They are so much fun to be around,” said Renee. Evan Finley (12) said, “I love not having to wake up at any specific time during summer.” Whether traveling the world or taking advantage of the extra sleep, there's no doubt that summer break was long awaited and went by with the blink of an eye.



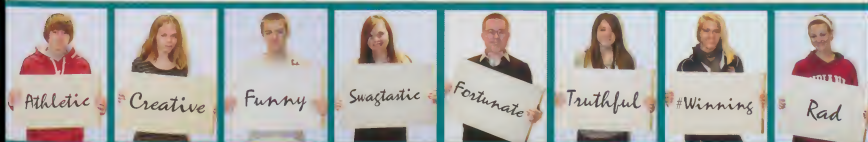
Breanna Propes (11) and Allison Itczak (11) pose for a quick picture while visiting the Purdue Campus on a hot summer day.



Change
Large
Sisterhood
Unique
Passion
Learning
Win
Adventure
Trick-or-Treating
Success
Candyland
Inches
Unit
Best
New
Drive
Quit
Strenuous
Expression
Improve
Breaking Records
Amazing
Pink
Adaptability
Patriotic

Fall

Varsity Football	54	JV Football	56
Freshman Football	57	Girls Golf	58
Boys Tennis	60	Boys Varsity Soccer	62
Boys JV Soccer	64	Girls Varsity Soccer	66
Girls JV Soccer	68	Girls Cross Country	70
Boys Cross Country	72	Varsity Volleyball	74
JV Volleyball	76	Freshman Volleyball	77
Cheerleading	78	Academics	80
Fall Drama	82	Marching Band	84
Choir	86	Fall Fashion	88
DYW	90	Spirit Week	92
Homecoming	94	Halloween	96



Varsity Football

Finally Functioning as a Unit!

Everyone is familiar with the saying, "There is no I in team," and this team proved that by working together as a unit. There was no need to depend on one person; instead, they learned to give it their all and depend on each other. With a team motto of "2-feet in," the players put forth everything they had to give with one body, whole heart. From practicing together they grew to function as a **unit**: one team, one family, RDP.

Coach Kilmer described the season as rewarding. During the off season the boys learned adversity, and therefore were able to grow as men. New to the team was a sense of dedication and maturity. They had a positive attitude and great work ethic.

To bring the team together as one, they were introduced to a team bonding annual night at The Inferno. This night was a time to let loose and have fun as a **unit**. During the month of October the boys brought something new to the field. To show their support for breast cancer they wore pink wristbands on their senior night. This being just another example of how this team came together for things that mattered. There may not be an "I" in team, but there is pride in RDP!



Nick Hamilton (12) tries to break through the Bulldog defense to gain yards on the play.



The senior boys huddle together for one last time after the Mishawaka loss in the first round of Sectionals.



Clark Mikesell (12) makes a fast break away from the defender to gain enough yards for a first down.



“Championship Swagger.”

Tyler Wright (12)



Jeremy Crocker (12) gets excited after the coin toss to start the first game of the season.

SCOREBOARD

US	THEM
6 Crown Point	27
6 Hammond	13
Morton	
36 Kankakee	14
Valley	
18 Griffith	13
45 Highland	21
19 Hobart	17
33 Hammond High ⁶	
8 Munster	27
7 Andean	35

SECTIONAL ROUND ONE	
14 Mishawaka	35

The defensive line tries to push back the Highland offense for a safety.

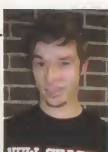


Most Valuable Player



Tyler Wright (12)

L-Club Leadership



Wroe King (12)



Tyler Kristoff (12) runs off the field after a defensive play between a play change.

DESCRIBING THE SEASON IN ONE WORD:

Rewarding

- Coach Kilmer

Brotherhood

- Tyler Hamm (12)

Memorable

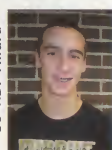
- Nick Kijurna (12)

Sportsmanship



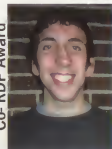
Mitch Leckrone (11)

Co-RDP Award



Jeremy Crocker (12)

Co-RDP Award



Austin Magley (12)

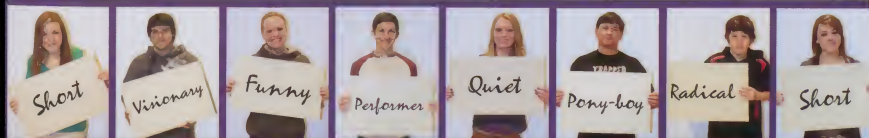


Danny Reyes (12) waits before he catches the only touchdown against Andean.



Quarterback Bryan Thomas (11) calls "hike" to center Spenser Kersey (11) against Hammond Morton on a Friday night game.

“Let's get ignorant”
Tyler Kristoff(12)



JV Football



Sebastian Zagarena (10) attempts the P.A.T.



Cody Pate(11) & Nick Hamm(11) trade places in the third quarter.



Josh Bottos (10) outran Highland's number 29 for a first down.



Nick Hamm (11) crouches down to get dirty during the Hobart game.



Sportsmanship

Paul Mauer (10)

GETTING TO KNOW THE BOYS

TONY #56

What was the most memorable part of the season?

"When Seth Anderson (10) laid out grandpa."

KAMERON #57

Who felt most like your "brothers" during the season?

"Marjan because he was a lineman with me and Seth because he's my quarterback and I have to protect him."

CODY #11

How did you feel when you got a touchdown?

"I felt invincible; I thought it was a dream"

"The scariest was hearing "about two-a-days!"
Eddie Simmons (10)

A Strenuous Weekend

Have you ever wondered what the life of a football player was like? Well for sophomore George Fields it is intense. George managed to juggle not only the normal school load of a sophomore, but also practices all week, Varsity games on Friday nights, JV games on Saturday mornings, and a job! When asked what the toughest part of playing two games in a row was, George replied "taking the hits." He averaged 44 rushing yards per game, with a total of 439 yards for the season. Waking up and playing on Saturday after playing on Friday night was "horrible and strenuous" he said. "The people that kept me motivated were Paul Mauer (10) and Dan Garza (10). I felt I was closest to them the

entire season; They always had my back when things were tough." Often times, being recognized by the newspaper and being such a necessity to the team can go to one's head. Nevertheless, for George, it wasn't like that at all. "I didn't read the articles about myself, although the feeling of knowing I was good enough was a great feeling." Even though George played JV and Varsity this year, he looks forward to playing only Varsity during the 2012 season. Even further in the future, George hopes to continue his dream of playing ball at the college level. At this rate, he definitely has the stamina for it!



Freshman Football



Tyler Mazzaro (9), Joshua Beckham (9), and their hardworking teammates charge against the Highland Trojans.

Real Men Wear Pink

According to the National Cancer Institute, there are over 12 million people in the United States currently living with cancer. You may ask yourself what that has to do with Freshman Football. Cancer alone affects millions of people each year including family, friends, and the sufferers themselves. The freshman boys decided that, not only were they obligated to play a good game of football, they were also passionate about spreading knowledge during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer specifically affects over 2.5 million people in the United States. For Niko Vasquez (9) and Cody Munster (9), the sickness really hit close to home. "I know that Niko lost his grandma to breast cancer, and I lost my own grandmother to cancer," said Munster. Together, they decided to step it up and support breast cancer awareness. The boys got together with their teammates and bought pink shoelaces to wear with their uniforms. Coming together with the school to battle against breast cancer, they realized that real men should wear pink proudly.

ZEROING IN ON 58 Common Filler

Water or Gatorade?

Water.

What's the best pre-game food?

Subway.

What gets you pumped for a game?

Music.

Sportsmanship



Rob McInnis (9)

The boys huddle to take a breather during a home game at the Inferno.



Matthew Starceovich (9), John Bigbie (9), and Kiefer Kersey (9) fight off Highland's defense.



"Try and stop us."

Coach Childress



Honest



Awesome



Spontaneous



Indecisive



Quiet



Melender



Charismatic



Giggly

Girls Golf

Putting Your Best Foot Forward

When asked what word she thought described this year's golf season, Ashley Pastuszak (12) said, "Par-tee." With a team of only a few girls, each one found a way to improve their **best** scores and make the season one to remember. Sectionals, held at Sandy Pines, proved to be a perfect opportunity for the girls to put forth their **best** effort and leave with nothing but smiles on their faces. Vickie Nichols (11) finished first in team all-conference with an incredible score of only 97, and Katie Wilkey (11) received her lowest score ever of 102, finishing second in team all-conference. "The **best** part of this golf season was exceeding everyone's expectations for our team," Wilkey (11) said.



At one of the home meets of the season, the girls all lined up their golf carts to pass some time.

"Keep your balls clean and your putter covered."
Katie Wilkey (11)



At one of their first meets of the season in Rensselaer, the team waits out the rain under their umbrellas.



Far from home, the team gathers for a picture after a long, hard meet.





After a hard team practice at Palmira, the team stops to pose for a picture.



Katie Wilkey (11) practices the swing that qualified her for sectionals.



Jorden Zubay (10) and Katie Wilkey (11) bundle up to stay warm.

Ashley Pastuszak (12) and Jorden Zubay (10) show their 'twin side' before a match.



ONE ON ONE WITH SENIOR:

ASHLEY

Q. HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING THE ONLY SENIOR ON THE TEAM?

It was really rewarding for me, I loved that I could be top dog.

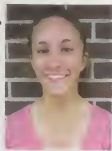
Q. ANY TIPS FOR THE YOUNGER GIRLS ON THE TEAM?

The more you play, the luckier you get.

Q. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS MOST ABOUT THE SEASON?

I'm going to miss my girls; we became very close.

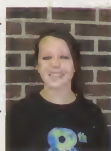
Most Valuable Player



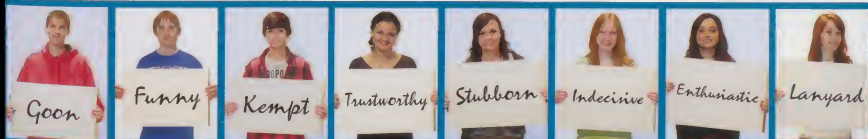
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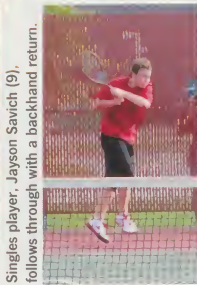
Vickie Nichols (11) Ashley Pastuszak (12) Rebecca Wasserot (9)



Boys Tennis



Harris Rosenbalm (12) reaches to hit a forehand return during a match against Munster.



Singles player, Jayson Savich (9), follows through with a backhand return.



Tyler Damm (10) starts a home match off with a powerful serve against Andrean.

The Power of the Drive

The skidding shoes on the pavement, the fierce grunting of the players, and the repetitive thud of the ball against the racket. These are some of the many sounds you hear coming from the boys tennis courts. The boys started out shaky after an injury forced an essential player to sit the season out, but that did not stop the members of this team from performing their best. "Everyone on the team had the heart to keep moving forward no matter what," said Tyler Damm (10). The boys were **driven** to overcome this barrier and eventually they made it to sectionals, beating Rennselaer 5-0 in the first round. This win put the players on a high, and they were more than ready to face their long time rivals, Crown Point. Unfortunately, they lost 0-5 and they did not qualify to move on. Although it was disappointing, the hard work and **drive** of the players was far more astonishing than the numbers. "There were many ups and downs, but we fought through them," explained Harris Rosenbalm (12). The highs and lows of the season didn't seem to leave as lasting of an impression as the growth, strength, and **drive** of the team.

"Smash it, smash it."
Delmer Fleming (10)



Ryan Wieser (12), Harris Rosenbalm (12), and Johnny Goodrich (12) pose for a picture before a home match.



TRAIN OF THOUGHT BEFORE A MATCH

"What are my opponents' strong points and weak points?"

Jayson Savich (9)

"I try to just clear my mind and relax. Mental preparation is a huge aspect to playing successful tennis."

Johnny Goodrich (12)

"Am I playing JV or Varsity today?"

Tyler Damm (10)

"Are these skittles just to take?"

David Delgado (9)

"Smart, consistent tennis."

Coach Hudak

Noah Fronek (9) stretches to return the ball during a match against KV.



Joshua Haddon (9) drives the ball down with force.

Jacob Cook (11) keeps his eye on the ball after a return.



Ben Roesel (9) focuses on serving his hardest at a home match.



Ben Roesel (9) and Ryan Wieser (12) encourage each other between points with a simple tap of their rackets.

Most Valuable Player



JV Sportsmanship



Sportsmanship & L-Club Leadership



Harris Rosenbalm (12) David Delgado (9) Johnny Goodrich (12)



Boys Varsity Soccer

We Won't Quit!

Every team has its own set of challenges to overcome. Some are as simple as taking the time to listen to what team players have to say. Some are harder, like not having a full team during most the season. Of course outsiders often don't see the challenges within a team, but the players know they exist. In order to show other teams that they were just as strong as their opponents they had to work to overcome these challenges and prove that they weren't going to quit. They had to push through each game as a team and build each other up, when many would have been down. Matthew Edwards (12) and Erick Tiemens (12) worked together to get the team motivated and ready to play. "It's our time to show them how much we have worked and to show them that we aren't the same team as before," Captain Matthew Edwards (12) said.

When you push yourself to overcome challenges, you get a rewarding outcome. The boys worked together to score in every game. They didn't quit when they played Kankakee Valley, and they worked as a team to score the first two goals to work to show the other team that they could work together with drive and heart. "This year we showed other teams that even without a full team, we were stronger and better than before" said Noah Newcomb (10). As we watched the boys on the field and we witnessed the sweat dripping from their faces, it was clear that quitting wasn't an option for them.



While waiting for the visiting team to be announced, the starting line turns to the flag for the national anthem.

"If they don't have soccer in heaven, I'm not going."

Stojan Krsteki (10)

Playing against Kankakee Valley, Luke Ison (11) runs past an opposing player to take a shot for the goal.



Austin Powers (11) runs towards a pass from a teammate during practice before the start of a home game.



Michael Scott (12) sees an opening in the pile of players and makes a hard shot to score against Boone Grove.



GOALS scored:

Name	Goals
Stojan Krsteki (10)	2
Federico Tagliatti (11)	8
Noah Newcomb (10)	5
Michael Scott (12)	4
Matthew Edwards (12)	3
Zach Potat (11)	1



Jake Hardesty (11) stops mid run to get ready for a pass during warm-ups.



Erick Tiemens (12) runs fast to drive the ball down field to an open player.



Brendon Shanks (11) moves fast to get the ball down field after making three great saves against Kankakee Valley.

Sportsmanship
& L-Club Leadership



Erick
Tiemens (12)

Most Valuable Player



Stojan
Krsteki (10)

Honorable Mention



Noah
Newcomb (10)

and the assist goes to...

Matthew Edwards (12) - 8
 Federico Tagliatti (11) - 6
 Noah Newcomb (10) - 4
 Michael Scott (12) - 2
 Stojan Krsteki (10) - 1
 Zachary Polich (11) - 1
 Marcos Palhares (12) - 1
 Zach Potat (11) - 1



Matthew Edwards (12) shows his teammates he is open.



Boys JV Soccer

The boys look on for the ball in a tough game.



Trevor Asher (9) attempts to slide tackle his KV opponent.



Brandon Fortner (9) fights to get the ball.



Brandon Smith (9) takes the ball up to the goal.

“Fancy
footwork
wins the
game.”

Trevor Asher (9)

freshman
**TYLER
COOPER**

Q: In one word, how would you describe your team?

AMAZING.

Q: What were some obstacles as a team that you had to overcome?

TALKING, SHOOTING.

Q: What method did you use to get your mind into the game?

GOING OVER THINGS IN MY HEAD BEFORE A GAME.

Q: Any quotes you would like to share?

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED YOU ARE IN GOOD COMPANY.



New Kids on the Block

Dangerous, powerful, talented, dedicated, intense, amazing, relentless, terrific, and crazy. All words the team used to describe the Boys JV Soccer season. Other than Alex Gamsby (11), all the boys on the JV Soccer team were freshmen and **new** to High School Soccer. Regardless of age, all players had to overcome a major hurdle; coming into their first year of high school soccer, the team had to learn to operate with very few players. "We were half the size of many of the teams that we played," said Paul Greaney (9). Though most matches were tough, the freshness and **newness** of the team paid off. Having such an optimistic and excited **new** team helped push the boys through their difficult times. "If you're not failing every now and again, it's a sign you're not doing anything very challenging," said Zack Herr (9). The moral of the story is, size doesn't really matter, it's the heart that counts!



Kyle Kmetz(9) tries to score a goal against the Kankakee Valley Kougars.



Kevin Frederick(9) calmly rushes his opponent in an effort to get the ball.

"The underdogs rise again!"
 Kyle McGannon (9)

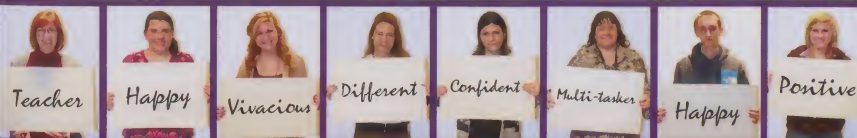


The team follows after the ball with the ambition to score a goal.



Kyle Sisk(9) zones in for preparation in a tough game.

The boys line up after one of the season's most difficult games against the Griffith Panthers.

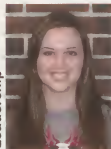


Girls Varsity Soccer



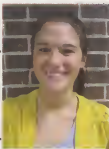
Taking a break from practice, the girls have some quality team bonding time.

M.V.P & L-Club
Leadership



Megan
Gramhofer (12)

Sportsmanship



Katie
Cavanaugh (12)

“Don't be sippin' on
my haterade!”

Griesel Gomez (10)



Kimi Kasparian (9) takes a
goal kick against Munster.



Goalie Morgan Born (12) is
determined to stop the goal.



Danielle Sopovski (11)
leaps in the air.



Marie Ingrebretsen (11)
sprints for the ball against
Boone Grove.

TEAM ROYALTIES

Loudest on the field:
Julia Witvliet (11)

Most fun to be around:
Katie Cavanaugh (12)

Most vocal leader:
Alison Johnson (12)

Most heart:
Azucena Gonzalez (12)

RDP award:
Alejandra Garcia (12)

110% award:
Danielle Sopovski (11)

“I was born ready; that's
why my last name
is Born!”

Morgan Born (12)

The seniors are all smiles on
senior night.





Casey Carlson (9) crosses the ball using her strong foot.



Alison Johnson (12) uses her momentum to throw the ball in.

“Don't get
sassy with me!”
Katie Cavanaugh (12)



Julia Witvliet (11) lunges to get possession of the ball.



Megan Gramhofer (12) outsprints her opponent.

“I wanna look tough!”
Katie Lewandowski (9)



The seniors get ready to start their last home game on senior night.

Making a Move to Improve

At the start of the previous season, the team's main goal was to **improve**. What better way to start than with a new coach? Fresh out of college, former Lowell player/graduate Melissa Buche wanted to help Lowell Soccer get back on the map. Kimi Kasparian (9) declared, “We worked really hard this summer. We would practice 5-6 days a week. It's a big adjustment from middle school soccer.” About 15 experienced freshmen came out for the team, greatly impacting the roster. With their skill, they helped **improve** Lowell's record from last year. “Our scores got better with almost every game,” stated Emily Quirarte (11). They **improved** their record from 2 wins and 14 losses to 3 wins, 11 losses, and 2 ties.

The girls overcame a lot to get to where they ended. “We were all nervous how the season would turn out,” Azucena Rosas-Gonzalez (12) explained. Alejandra Garcia (12) elaborated, “We came into season not knowing what to expect, due to all the changes.” But with hard work and positive attitudes, the girls pushed through and made the best out of their season. “I'm very proud of the way my girls came together and improved their level of play. Their dedication really paid off,” boasted Coach Buche. Way to go girls!

Derby Misner (11) makes sure Alison Johnson (12) smells ok before the start of the game.



Girls JV Soccer

Learning the Tricks of the Trade

With a team made up mostly of freshmen, the girls had a lot of **learning** to do. Their new coach, Nikki Carlton, was up for the challenge. Most of the incoming freshmen played together for quite a few years, previous to high school soccer. It was Coach Nikki's job to get them to perform at a higher level. Over the summer, the girls worked hard **learning** new tricks and moves. "I love doing the drag back. It is easy, but affective," Amy Wallis (9) said. The first few games the girls were timid and lacked confidence, but they kept up the tough work and ended their season on a winning note. "It was hard to transfer all the new things we were **learning** at practice onto the field," Lindsay Ward (11) explained.

With a lot of patience, Coach Nikki kept repeating the same ideas and the girls eventually **learned**. "We really came together as a team at the end of the season. We had a couple of tough losses but I am proud of the way the season turned out," goalie Peyton Asher (11) said. This team appeared better and better with each game. Opponents better watch out next year. These ladies are ready to win. "We **learned** so much this season. Now it is just a matter of applying those lessons to game-like situations and perfecting them," declared Lauren Kalvaitis (10). With a few more years to go, these girls have plenty of time to **learn** and develop the skills necessary to be a championship team.



Mikki Wood (9) keeps her balance and focuses hard on stopping the ball.



Lindsay Ward (11) makes a throw-in to teammate Lexi Ritchie (9).



The girls took a break from a team bonding pool party.

“Do volleyball players use their heads?”

Dana Biederman (9)



The girls show off their muddy uniforms after a rainy game.



Savannah Roach (9), Brittany Finigan (9) and Amanda Krusza (10) "push up" their defense to keep up with McKenna Fisher (9).



The team waits patiently for their spaghetti dinner at team meal. Memories were made over food.



McKenna Fisher (9) darts to get around Wheeler defenders.

Mikki Wood (9) fights to stop the shot on goal.



Amy Wallis (9) awaits a pass from her outside midfielder Dana Biederman (9).



JV ROYALTIES

1. Loudest on the Field?

Peyton Asher (11)

2. 110% Award?

Joceline Fortoso (9)

3. Most Fun to be Around?

Dana Biederman (9)

4. Most Aggressive?

Amanda Krusza (10)

5. Most Spirit?

Brittany Finigan (9)

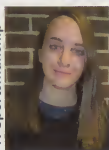
6. Most Likely to Go Pro?

McKenna Fisher (9)

7. Loud Mouth Award?

Lexi Ritchie (9)

Fr. Sportsmanship

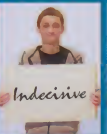
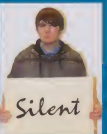
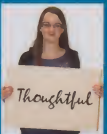
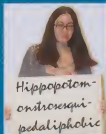
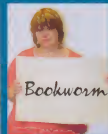


Savannah Roach (9)

JV Sportsmanship



Mikki Wood (9)



Girls Cross Country



Sarah Wieser (10) breaking a school record.

Breaking Records

While waiting patiently at the Highland Invite for the flair gun to go off, Sarah Edwards (11) and Sarah Wieser (10) were on the starting line hoping to beat their personal **records**. "I knew I had a good chance of beating my personal **record** or even breaking the school **record** because the course was more flat than others" said Sarah Wieser (10). They hear the gun and they're off. Both girls made their way to the front. Before the meet, they were told by Coach Coil not to fall back. Those next twenty minutes were life changing, not only to the girls but to our school.

Along with both of them breaking their personal **records**, the girls broke the previous **record** of 20:01 with Wieser's (10) time of 19:43 and Edwards' (11) time of 19:46.

This wasn't the only positive ending to the season, the team also had a record of 6-0 at conference, placing second overall. "We did a lot better than we expected," said Mackenzie Nichols (11).

This continued improvement and dedication to bettering themselves and the team, allowed these girls to not only break **records**, but to learn to depend on each other to push forward and prevail.

The girls gathered for a picture with their team grandpa after winning their meet.





Sportsmanship

L-Club Leadership

Sarah Wieser (10) Hailey Bushore (9) Sarah Edwards (11)



CONFERENCE SCORES

LHS 27 KV 30

LHS 27 Munster 28

LHS 20 Hobart 41

LHS 27 Andean 29

LHS 23 Griffith 35

LHS 27 Highland 30

“Just run your race!”

Sarah Edwards (11)

BEFORE THE MEET

Favorite Snack

Granola Bar

Jessica Bullitt (9)

Favorite Song

Survivor by Destiny's Child

Vicki Miley (11)

Favorite People to Turn to for Motivation

The Team Captains

Amy Fraikin (10)

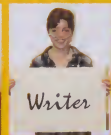
“We need to breathe to run, and run to breathe.”

Mackenzie Nichols (11)

Megan Litteral (11) and Rachel Megquier (10) are on the last stretch to the finish line.



Sarah Edwards (11) and Sarah Wieser (10) hug after breaking school records.



Boys Cross Country

For the 14th year in a row, LHS made it to State sending accomplished runner, Kyle Eller (11).



Running Toward Success

The Lowell Tribune read "Lowell's Kyle Eller is going to state." Kyle Eller (11) had an impressive season. Being the only one on the team making it to state, he had quite a bit riding on his shoulders.

When all was said and done, Kyle was happy with his State placement. Kyle placed 52nd out of 196. "No having fun; we're going to state" said Roman Huseman (12). Kyle worked hard in and out of practice. "Not one person on this team dedicates themselves as much as he does" said Reese Mitsch (10).

His finishing time was 16:24.2. The team finished their overall season with a record of six wins and one loss. "Even though this season was good and **successful**, I can't wait till next season!" Kyle Eller (11) said.



Dripping with sweat, Brandon Bullitt (12) pushes through the pain at the Crown Point Invite.

The team celebrates winning first place at the Bob Thomas Invite.



CROSS COUNTRY IN ONE WORD:

Roko-Rangers

Jacob Fontanez (11)

Hardworking

Charlie Loitz (9)

Serious

Nick Porras(11)

Anti-Andrean

Michael Matthias (10)



Cole Bushore (12) and Brandon Bullitt (12) race in the woods at Semi-State.

Ethan Huseman (9) striving to finish at the Highland Invite.



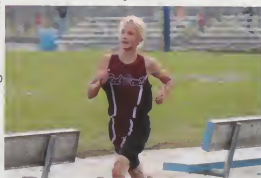
Tyler VanLieshout (12) pushes on at the Highland Invite.



Alex Streeter (12) and Matt Matthias (10) push themselves to finish at the Highland meet.



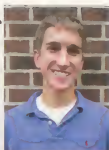
After placing 3rd at the New Prairie Invite, the boys relax.



“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.”

Kyle Jefferies (12)

Most Valuable Player



Kyle Eller (11)

Sportsmanship



Tyler Munjas (12)

L-Club Leadership



Brandon Bullitt (12)



Roman Huseman (12) and Cole Bushore (12) goof-off after their Highland meet.



Hopeful



Crazy



Encouraging



Money



Sarcastic



Courageous



Hilarious



Helpful

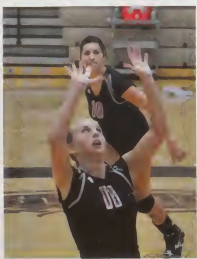
Varsity Volleyball

Passion in The Pit

Outside hitter, Jessica Sharkey (12), scores one of many kills this season.



Setter, Sarah Jonas (12), recorded 869 assists this year, her personal best.



Libero, Chloe White (12), provided solid defense and earned 1st Team All-Conference honors.



The ball is up. The crowd goes quiet. Everyone anticipates what will happen next. The ball is served. Chloe White (12), has a perfect pass. Sarah Jonas (12) has a swift set. The front row is ready to attack. The amount of heart put in to the game was shown through the girls' talent. With eight seniors on the team, the girls have been playing together for years. The want. The will. The courage to move past adversity this year is what kept these girls passionate.

For the seniors, this was their last year to achieve greatness. Their passion was shown in beating teams like Munster, Crown Point, and Michigan City. "It was not one of us, it was not two of us, all ten of us share a **passion** and love of the game and it prevails when we play together on the court," said Jessica Sharkey (12).

The girls did not go as far as planned in the post-season. However, their regular season was outstanding, finishing with a record of 23-12. Fighting hard to the end, the most memorable game of the season was winning their senior night against Crown Point. "We wanted that game more than anything and it showed on the court" said Alyssa Kersey (12). The **passion** these girls had for the game was remarkable. The fire never died-out, making the team successful. The **passion** these girls played with will leave a legacy for years to come.

The girls take one last photo at awards night.



The girls enjoy a team bonding pool party on a hot summer day.



"We didn't look back and just kept going."

Anna Sacco (12)



Dreamer



Questionable



Caring



Hispanic



Bubbly



Laidback



Genius



Gravin

The girls raised \$5,500 for cancer during their annual "Dig Pink Night" against Griffith.



Middle hitter, Anna Sacco (12), scores one of her team-leading 377 kills for the season.

This or that

game tournament

gatorade water

back row

front row

home

away



The girls finished with a record of 23-12 and placed third in NCC conference.



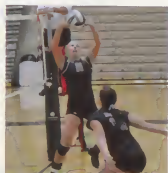
Haley Slavis (12) played outstanding defense!



The Devils started off a great game against Highland.



Katie Bobos (11) slams a kill down against Hanover.



Mackenzie Kreutz (11) approaches to hit a quick set from setter, Sarah Jonas (12).

"Too much rock for one hand!"

Leah Fenner (12)

Most Valuable Player



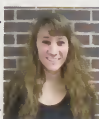
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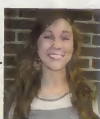
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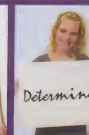
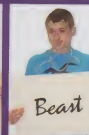
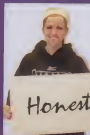
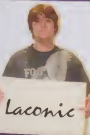
Sportsmanship



Most Improved



Anna Sacco (12) Chloe White (12) Sarah Jonas (12) Alyssa Kersey (12) Jessica Sharkey (12)



JV Volleyball

“Yes team!
Team Yes!”
Anna Wildman (10)

TEAM NICKNAMES

- #1 Sam Hammer(10)- **Slammy**
- #2 Tori Nida(11)- **Tori Nedo**
- #3 Cambria Wynsma(11)- **Rufus**
- #4 Anna Wildman(10)- **Baby Ruth**
- #5 Morgan Roberts(10)- **Morg**
- #6 Mallory Slavis(10)- **Mal**
- #8 Ashley Hudgens(10)- **Ash**
- #9 Annie Kennelly(10)- **An Banan**
- #10 Kaitlyn Henson(11)- **Noodle**
- #11 Brianna Cherven(10)- **Bri**
- #12 Hannah Tucker(11)- **TuckTuck**
- #13 Ashley DeBoer(9)- **Smashley**
- #14 Alyssa Cory(11)- **Cap'in Cory**

Sportsmanship



Mallory Slavis (10)



The girls celebrate with their trophy after winning the Lowell JV Tournament.

In It to Win It

Sweat drips down the faces of 13 girls, all exhausted from the long day of games. They ready themselves for the next play, game point. With nerves in their stomachs they play their best. Then, the ball hits the floor on Griffith's side. Screams and cheers fill the gym! They just **won** their own JV tournament for the first time in four years. The girls had never been more excited to **win** a game. Sam Hammer (10) said, "During the last game, I kept telling myself we were not going to lose it. We made it that far into the tournament. I didn't want any of us to give up, and we didn't." Going into the tournament the girls were a little upset because it was the same Saturday as Homecoming, but they realized they needed to be there. Their dedication paid off. "We worked so hard together and we deserved the **win**!" Hannah Tucker (11) said. The team's hard work paid off at the end of the day when they walked out of the pit, metals around their necks and trophy in hand. They were, once again, champions!

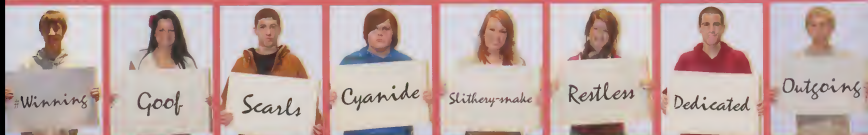
“Just get me a juice box, and I'll be good.”
Alyssa Cory(11)



Kaitlyn Henson (11) spikes the ball over the blockers while Cambria Wynsma (11) covers her.



Opening the game, Tori Nida (11) serves up an ace over North Newton.





Sporting their numbers with pride, the large team gets together in a huddle to end a time out.

Freshman Volleyball

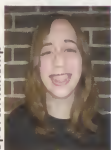
“Being a setter was new to me and I loved the experience.”

Miranda Smith (9)



Casey Connolly (9) concentrates on the ball while serving an ace!

Sportsmanship



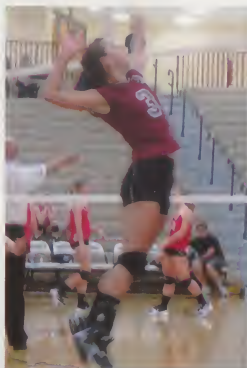
Monica Parilic (9)

Large and In Charge

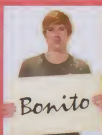
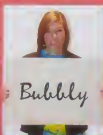
Fifteen girls stand in a huddle, ready to play their game. Fifteen girls bond in the locker room listening to music like most teams do. Fifteen girls go through drills in practice every day. This team was **large** in size. With six defensive specialists, three setters, and six hitters, this team had an abundance of motivated girls. “Having a **large** team had its positives and negatives; it really forced us to play hard all the time to keep our spot or forced us to play hard to get a spot,” Jessica Shope (9) said. With such competition, these girls had to fight for their place on the team. Not only did the girls work hard during the season but they worked hard all summer to ready themselves for the tough tryout. For their first year in high school volleyball, the girls realized that having such a long season would bring this **large** group of girls together, creating a tight-knit family.



Captain, Liza Kouns (9), waits to pass the ball on serve receive.



Jordan Gregory (9) goes up in perfect form for a kill.



Cheerleading



The team wore their new uniforms proudly at the Crown Point game.



The JV team snaps a fun photo during half time at a Saturday morning game.

“We knew those inches were going to make the difference between winning and losing.”
Jordyn Reed (12)

A Word From The Team

Seven Seniors

Renee Franker

Vocal

Hannah Noah

Cheerful

Jordyn Reed

Determined

Kelsie Roadruck

Thoughtful

Allyson Thompson

Optimistic

Ashley Ulanowski

Loyal

Brittney Ulanowski

Encouraging



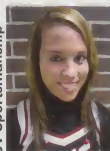
Allyson Thompson (12) laughs as the crowd sings her happy birthday.



Skyler Lewis (9), Kelsea Brady (9), and Erika Miley (9) do a high-stand on PJ day.



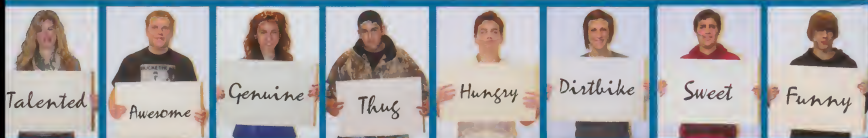
Jordyn Reed (12)



Kelsea Brady (9)



Carry Simmons (9)





The seniors link arms for one more picture after competing at the State Competition.



The teams huddle together to sing their team song, "Lean on Me," at the Fall Awards.

Striving for Inches

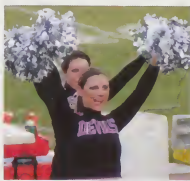
Herniated Discs. Torn Ligaments. Hyper extended joints. The Varsity Cheerleaders' season was a roller coaster ride. Facing every obstacle possible, they were forced to come together or fall apart. With high goals for their competitive season, the girls knew the route they had to take. "Either we heal as a team, or we are going to crumble. **Inch** by **inch**..." Al Pacino said in *Any Given Sunday*.

One last chance. The thrill. Each other. Every girl had a reason to fight for the **inches** they needed to make it to the State Competition. These **inches** were not those found on the football field, but in the hearts of the girls. Their season came down to pushing themselves that extra **inch**. Knowing their capabilities, the girls battled exhaustion and fought for those crucial **inches**. "We pushed ourselves further than we all thought we could because we knew we deserved to go to state" Micah Cebra (11) said.

Warm-up. On Deck. Two minutes thirty seconds. The team hit every stunt at preliminaries. They advanced to State Finals and despite last minute changes finished 17 out of 29. In those **inches**, this team made history. "Never forget what you have accomplished" Coach Lenzo said.



Squads combine before the Hammond Varsity game.



Hannah Noah (12) hits a High V at the KV football game.



Rebekah DeHaan (9) revs-up the crowd as Diablo.



Varsity builds a pyramid at the State Competition.



Co-Most Valuable Player
Renee Franker (12)



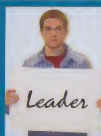
Co-Most Valuable Player
Ashley Ulanowski (12)



L-Club Leadership
Kelsey Roadruck (12)



The squads gather for a celebration photo at preliminaries.



Academics

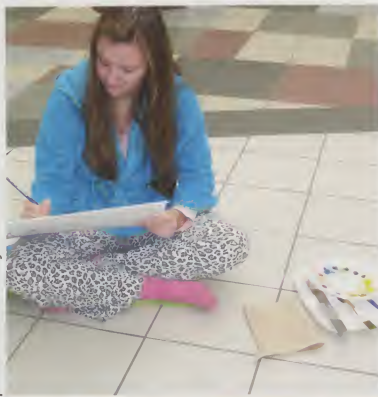
Mackenzie Kreutz (11) and Nick Heaviland (11) participate in a Chemistry lab in Mrs. Smith's class.



“Mr. Simon lets me pursue my passion while I'm still in High School.”

Matt Brogdon (11)

Megan Gramhofer (12) gets comfortable to paint a portrait of the hallways for Art class.



Just another day in scrubs with Mrs. Zea's Health Careers class.



A little bit of change never hurt anyone, right?

As the students stumbled back into their daily routines at school, they couldn't help but notice a few alterations. One of the most obvious would have to be the new schedule. Rumors whirled around the previous spring about which schedule the administration would assign for the following year. Towards the end of summer, the anticipation was coming to a close as they announced that there would be a traditional school day added to our block schedule. “I like the concept of Red and Black days, but Traditional days are far too complicated,” said Breanna Propes (11).

While the students were busy adjusting to the **changed** order of the week, new staff members were preoccupied adjusting to everything around them. With these new teachers coming from as far as Venezuela and as close as St. John, they sure left their impressions on the students. “I have Mr. Lodise, his accent is legit! I look forward to his class just so I can hear it!” says Morgan Farrell (11).

Finally, as these new **changes** became the norm, the student body began to adjust themselves to the new routine. When asked what classes they were most enjoying, Taylor Fortner (12) replied “Health Careers with Mrs. Zea. She's an inspiring woman, and she keeps everything squeaky clean.” Ben Fischer (12) added “Film Lit. Deal. Nuff said.”



a word from the new teachers:

Q: How did you know you wanted to be a teacher?

A: I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I realized Art was the only thing I loved and was good at! I knew I had to share my passion and talents with others.

- Mrs. Anker

Q: What has been your most memorable experience at LHS so far?

A: Twins Day during Homecoming. I thought it was hilarious to see so many teachers dressed up as Mr. Ingram.

- Mrs. Frame



Bryan Rendant (12), Matt Nuccio (11), Matt Brogdon (11) and Austin Powers (11) concentrate on putting a car back together.



Tyler Seramur (11) selflessly donates blood.



Hannah Scott (12) and Ashley Starcevich (12) practice brushing teeth in Mrs. Zea's Class.

“The new schedule is great, like Frosted Flakes!”

Matt Starcevich (9)



Fall Drama

David Nadolski (9), interrogates Nathan Muha (10), Jacob Cook (11), and Casey Zaberdac (12) about the whiskey bottle that fell from the balcony and hit him in the head.



Fostering Adaptability

When '04 alumni Kyle Yung was given the opportunity to succeed former theatre director Kevin Deal's seven year title, he was avid to tackle the major expectations that came along with it. "It was nice having a director during Gramercy Ghost who once was a part of our theatre department," said Lynn Galliher (11). Although he was a former thespian, it was still hard for the cast and crew to **adapt** to a new director. Jacob Lang (10) explains, "Having Kyle as our director was certainly an interesting experience, but it did bring us all closer together and I'm thankful for that." There's no doubt that **adapting** to change can be difficult, but this strong group of thespians came together to support one another on and off the stage.

Jacob Cook (11) and Nathan Muha (10) ready themselves and their jumpy nerves for Nathaniel's return. "You never know, he might just come up behind you!" -Charley Stewart

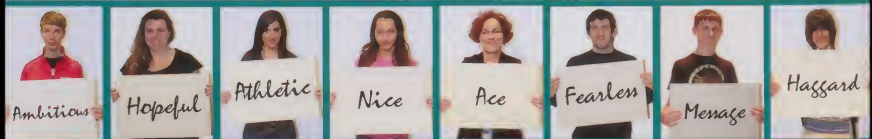


"Who ya gonna call?
GHOSTBUSTERS!"

Mikayla Blievernicht (11)



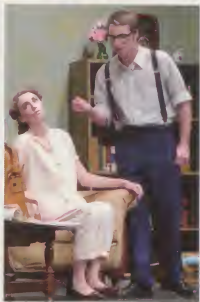
Casey Zaberdac (12) eagerly shushes Nathan Muha (10) before he accidentally calls Nathaniel back down from Heaven.



Two clumsy Continental woodies, Zach Rickert (12) and Matt Fletcher (12), try to get through to a very much alive Nancy, who fails to see the ghosts.



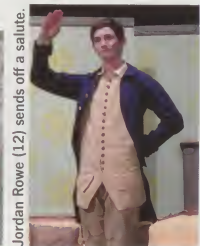
David Nadolski (9), unnerved and wounded after an accident with a falling bottle of whiskey.



Nathan Muha (10) tries to convince Casey Zaberdac (12) to stay instead of admitting herself to a psych ward.



Loony lawyer, Maddie Pyke (12) reflects her youthful days, and the times she had with the previous tenant of the Gramercy Park home.



Jordan Rowe (12) sends off a salute.

CALL Curtain carrying on traditions

From lip-sticking up and kissing the workroom wall, to shaking limbs with crazy 8's, theatre has created and carried on countless traditions that have set Drama apart from most other extracurricular groups. Many can be seen as extravagant and nonsensical to outsiders, but to the thespians of Lowell High they hold much deeper sentiment. A few of the favorites:

- 2 Pre-Show Dance Party
- Break-a-Leg 3
- 1 Dinner at Denny's
- 4 Kissing the Wall

About the Production:

{ S Y N O P S I S }

Comedy. Woman dies. Woman wills house and money to maid. New girl tenant inherits Earthbound ghost soldier of Continental Army. Soldier falls in love with tenant. Newspaper man falls in love with tenant. Tenant sees soldier. Everyone thinks tenant is crazy. Tenant breaks up with fiancé for newspaper man. Soldier gets into heaven. Fiancé sees soldiers ghost friends. Fiancé now seems crazy. [F I N]

C A S T

G h o s t s

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Nathaniel Coombes | Jordan Rowe (12) |
| Irv | Zach Rickert (12) |
| Rocky | Matt Fletcher (12) |
| Girl | Kaley Lewis (11) |
| Heaven Guard #1 | Ian Goldsmith (12) |
| Heaven Guard #2 | Jacob Lang (10) |

H u m a n s

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Margaret Collins | Katie Stinnett (9) |
| Nancy Willard | Casey Zaberdac (12) |
| Parker Burnett | Jacob Cook (11) |
| Charley Stewart | Nathan Muha (10) |
| Augusta Ames | Maddie Pyke (12) |
| Officer Morrison | David Nadolski (9) |
| Ambulance Driver | Brannon Geist (9) |
| Assistant Driver | Aubrey Flynn (9) |



Marching Band

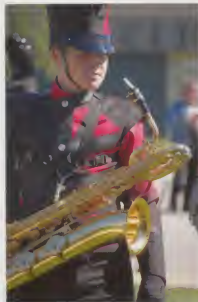
An Amazing Group of Seniors

For the Lowell Marching Red Devils, **amazing** seems to be the word that sums up the year. This year's show, entitled "Trapped," was based off of Edgar Allen Poe's "Tell-Tale Heart." With a challenging show idea, it took an **amazing** group of seniors to take control and push the band to a new level. "I could tell this season was going to be different," said Morgan Campbell (12). Morgan was just one of 17 seniors returning to give it their all one last time. "If it weren't for our seniors we wouldn't have reached the level we are at now," said Shelby Brown (11). The Lowell Marching Red Devils will be sad to see the seniors go, but thanks to them they are a strong band that will continue to grow.

The seniors take their final steps across the football field at semi-state.



Overwhelmed with different emotions, the Seniors get together for one last picture at Semi-State.



Nick Schoon (12) spent a moment reminiscing about his past years in marching band.



Soloist Patricia Weeks (11) performs while being trapped by color guard girls.



Ryan Ashe (10) stands at attention while waiting to warm up for the semi-state competition.



Devin Schnell (11) prepares for the show. It's not just about playing and marching; you have to look the part too.



Alexa Campbell (12) and Liz Hilt (11) leading the band in warm-ups before performing.

"Play it from the heart."
-Alex Warrer (12)



Jamie Stinnett (12) quietly prepares for her solo.



Ending the opener with a pounding heartbeat, the LMRD acted creepy while surrounding a color guard girl.

getting to know

Jordan Rowe

What are your favorite parts about Marching Band?
My favorite part is competition, because we get to show what we are all about.



What instrument(s) do you play?
I play alto saxophone.
Any advice for future marchers?
Just cherish every moment of it, because it goes by so fast.



Choir

Describe *choir* in
one word:

“Expressive.”

Kate Swisher (10)

“Superb.”

Sam Ingebretsen (9)

“Inspiring.”

Vicki Miley (11)

“Energetic.”

Steven Hill (10)

“Intense.”

Carlie Hult (9)

“Harmonic.”

Lindsey Winebrenner (12)



Lynn Galliher (11), Lisa Lutgen (10), and Luna Djuric (12) rehearse “The Gift to Be Simple.”

“It's all Maddie Pyke's fault.”

John Goodrich (12)

Debutantes, Accents, and Premiere Distinction excitedly snap a group photo before heading out to perform the Fall concert.





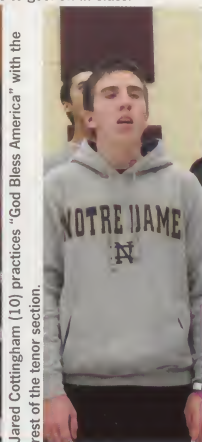
Cambria Wynsma (11) sports a flower in her hair before taking the stage for the patriotic-themed concert.



Amanda Wells (11), Jordan Rowe (12), and Breanna Greer (12) find some time to goof-off in class.



Morgan O'Grady (10) nervously rehearses in Accents the day before the concert.



Jared Cottingham (10) practices "God Bless America" with the rest of the tenor section.

Patriotic in a New Way

When a person is described as "**patriotic**", it means that they show an immense amount of love and gratitude for their country. This idea of gratefulness led to a patriotic-themed concert on October 25th. The concert featured many popular songs such as "God Bless America", "Proud to Be an American", and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

But what exactly was the reasoning behind putting on a **patriotic** concert? "I originally came up with the idea the summer before I came to LHS, considering the Fall concert date is so close to Veterans' Day," said Mrs. Rickaby, the second-year choir teacher. "But after receiving news of the troops returning home later this year, it sealed the deal."

A wide range of students excitedly accepted the fresh idea. When asked what she thought of the new **patriotic** theme, Breanna Greer (12) responded, "I think it was a good idea because we have people risking their lives for us everyday; they deserve the concert in honor of them. It's a sign of great respect." Luckily, the **patriotic**-themed concert was not shy of success. Families and friends of choir members were amazed at the execution of famous American songs.



Sam Ingebretsen (9) and Amy Nootbaar (10) perform their duet in front of the rest of Debutantes.



Accents swing dance to the popular WWII song, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy".



Fall Fashion

Hannah Felder (11), Chloe White (12), Natalie Zeiter (11), and Hannah Tucker (11) express the trends of the season by mixing and matching some popular looks.



Expression Through Fashion

The fall season tends to bring out the inner fashionista in everyone. People begin to put away their cool, summer clothes and pull out their warm, fall attire. This exciting transition often leads to the creation of new trends and styles. The students at LHS seemed to display these new fads quite well, as a vast majority chose to **express** themselves through their different fashion decisions.

Many students seemed to show much interest in TOMS, a newly popular brand of shoes that can virtually be worn with any casual ensemble. "TOMS are my favorite, I can wear them with anything throughout the entire season," said Ashlyn Backe (9). Feather earrings were also on the rise and were seen dangling from many sets of ears. Similar to recent years, scarves, cardigan sweaters, and

moccasins worked well together to deliver a trendy look, while also providing warmth and comfort. Warm colored flannels were also brought back and inarguably represented the fall season perfectly.

Fall allows everyone to feel stylish while staying warm, which is the perfect combination as temperatures become colder. "Fall gives me a reason to whip out my boots, which keep me nice and toasty," said Kaitlin Wells (12). Although not all fashion trends are carried out successfully, it's important to encourage **expression** through fashion. The students at LHS reassure others that this concept is perfectly acceptable, as it adds uniqueness to any individual.



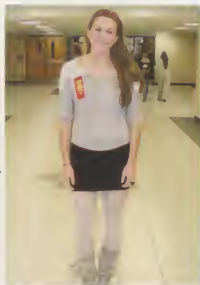


Mallory Leckrone (10), Rachel Megquier (10), Kaitlyn McClintic (10), and Amy Fraikin (10) experiment with bright colors in their tops and scarf.

Tyler Harbor (12) displays a popular trend amongst guys: the v-neck.



Jessica Sharkey (12) successfully displays some of the fads present this fall.



“I view fashion as a way of expression; it's what makes me an individual.”
Tiffanie Marimen (12)



Kelsie Roadruck (12) tops her outfit off with a pair of feather earrings; a trend that seems to be on the rise.

Just a few of the many styles of TOMS...



Ashlyn Backe (9) displays her “classic” style of TOMS.



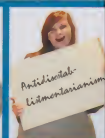
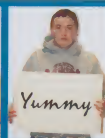
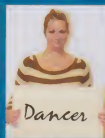
Hannah Felder (11) knows just how to wear her “botas” TOMS.



Jamie Molden (9) adds flare to her outfit with a pair of “glitter” TOMS.

What was your favorite trend this season?

32% Cardigan
Sweaters
26% Moccasins
24% Flannels
18% Scarves



Distinguished Young Women

The girls posed for a photo in their gowns at Miss Pat's Dance Studio.



Brandi Stormer (12) and Katie Cavanaugh (12) joked around before poise.



Allyson Thompson (12) receives the DYW medal from prior contest winner, Alex Damm.

Awards

Fitness Sam Caudle, Ashley Ulanowski, Brittney Ulanowski

Talent Sam Caudle, Ashley Ulanowski, Brittney Ulanowski

Poise Alysa Kersey, Renee Franker, Allyson Thompson

Interview Sam Caudle, Casey Zaberdac, Allyson Thompson

Scholastics Alysa Kersey, Kelsie Roadnick, Allyson Thompson

Spirit Allyson Thompson

Winners DYW Allyson Thompson
1st runner-up Sam Caudle
2nd Brittney Ulanowski
3rd Ashley Ulanowski



Casey Zaberdac (12) stands fierce during her introduction.

“This program is like Prom, every senior girl, should be part of it.”
Kelsie Roadnick (12)



Sisterhood of Seniors



Kelsey Roadruck (12) proudly shows off her speed painting talent inspired by Eric Samuel Timm.



Katrina Rasmussen (12) performs a fun flower arrangement to "Walking on Sunshine" as her talent.



Sam Caudle (12) and Alyssa Kersey (12) are anxious to begin the Labor Day Parade.

Feet shuffled. Counts were repeatedly whispered. Lights illuminated the stage. Curtains swung open. September 24 had arrived. Now, flashback to the early weeks of July. Fourteen senior girls began to practice for a show that seemed ages away. Little by little, these girls memorized every step of their routines. However, their journey through the program became so much more than preparing for a competition with demanding rehearsals. From the July summer to the September fall, these girls became sisters. "I became friends with a great group of girls that I never would have gotten to know without this" Rachel Elliot (12) said.

Zumba. The Labor Day Parade. Midnight pizza party. While the girls practiced tirelessly to prepare for the show, they made time for events along the way. It was these memorable events that transformed these girls from participants in the program to a **sisterhood** of seniors. Whether being chauffeured through the town in beautiful gowns and convertibles or munching on pizza at a late-night practice, the girls could always be found cracking jokes or bursting in fits of laughter. Through constant laughs and dedication, the girls' relationship continued to grow.

Opening. Fitness. Talent. Poise. In the blink of an eye, the show had come and gone. As the final curtain closed before the awards, the girls ran to celebrate with each other. In, sighs of relief and laughter, these senior girls began to reflect on the relationships they had formed and the **sisterhood** they were now a part of. "I'll never forget, standing huddled together backstage after Poise, when we broke on a '1-2-3, Sisters!'" Katie Cavanaugh (12) said.



Wearing plaid and smiles, the girls huddle up after performing their opening number to "Sweet Home Alabama."



Spirit Week



Mr. Higgins' Sociology class brings us back to the 1980's with goofy clothes, wigs, and poses.



Seeing double? Brianne Manley (11) and Rebecca Greaney (11) dress alike for twin day.



Ryan Wieser(12) and Scott Pitrowski (12) show off their Red Devil Pride.

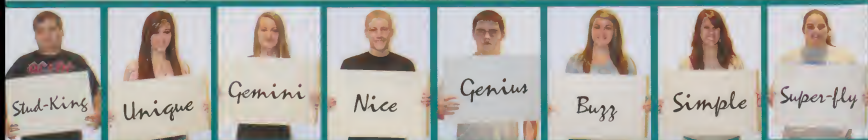
Week of Unique

As you walked the halls on September 27, you had to ask yourself if you were seeing double?!? Luckily the administrators and teachers weren't multiplying; we were simply celebrating "Twin Day" for the annual spirit week sponsored by LHS Student Council. Twin day was an over-all success. Whether you dressed like your friend or a school administrator, the students showed their **unique** style. "I dressed like my best friend" Kelsea Brady (9) said. "We wore white t-shirts, grey sweaters, skinny jeans and matching shoes" Taylor Feeley (11) said about her, Liz Hilt (11), and Nathan Muha's (10) matching attire. Along with Twin Day, LHS also dressed for Pajama Day, College Day, 80's Day and RDP Day. "It's fun to see how students and teachers really shine during these goofy days," said Mrs. O'Neill. With such a **unique** student body, it's no wonder we have such strong school spirit. It takes a very **unique** person to attempt to dress up like their principal or teacher or friend. Overall (as you can see in the pictures) it was a huge success!

A group of freshmen sport their pajamas.



This small group of students is one of the many that represented the Boilermakers on college day.



What themes do you wish for in the future?

1. Farmer
2. Superhero
3. Fake an Injury
4. Jersey Shore
5. Costume
6. Celebrity Look a Like
7. Disney Characters
8. Mismatch
9. Nerd
10. Clown



Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors "kick it old school" for 80's day.



Nick Porras (11) and Kyle Eller (11) bring a smile to everyone's face on twin day.



Kaitlyn Henson (11) and Trenton Espravnik (11) represent his number 67.



Alex Turner (12) and Zack Cooper (12) dress up as Mr. Wilson and Mr. Chelap.

"I was the accidental twin."

Megan Suarez (11)



Rebekah Williams (11), Shayla Brown (11) and Jamila Barrett (11) stay comfy in their pajamas.

Megan Litteral (11) and Tony Lopez (11) show their love for their favorite colleges.



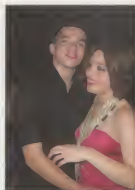
Homecoming



A group of girls from various grades gather together before heading into the crowd at the "Candy Store".



Danielle Wilson (12), Payton Kinnaird (12), and her date show off their goofy dance moves near the beginning of the evening.



Dylon Vick (11) and Kelly Chase (12) gather together before slow dancing.

"It was the best time of my life!!!"

Jaclyn Calvillo (12)



The chocolate fountain added a touch of sweetness to the decor.

IN ONE WORD

SWEET

Cassandra Williams (12)

AMAZING

Danielle Wilson (12)

CREATIVE

Dylon Vick (11)

EPIC

Kelly Chase (12)

INTERESTING

Kaylee Kincaid (11)

DANCY

James Bilgri (12)



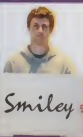
A group of dates cluster to capture a picture before the fun-filled evening.



Later in the evening, a group of friends crowd together to capture the memories of this "SWEET" night.



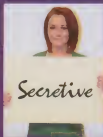
Everyone grabbed their dates to get ready for the ballad, "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing."



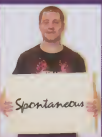
Smiley



Unique



Secretive



Spontaneous



Procrastinator



Spontaneous



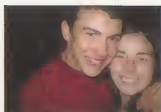
Reckless



Dandy

A SWEET night to remember

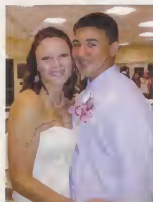
Purple, red, black, pink? Which color dress should I get? What time should I pick you up? Does this dress go with the theme? Can you zip me up in the back? I wonder what songs are going to be played? These are the many questions heard before your typical high school dance. "It was honestly the best homecoming of all my high school years" said Jamie Stinnett (12). The cafeteria was decorated with bright colors that invited the crowd to have a fun-filled night. With a turnout of over 800 students spilled out of the cafeteria and into the courtyard. There were many students in the courtyard outside who were even dancing on the tables. When surveyed, it wasn't a surprise that 87 percent of the student body stated that it was the best dance yet. "My favorite part was setting the dance up earlier that day. You would be surprised how long it took to set it all up, but it was defiantly worth it," said Cassandra Williams (12). By the end of the night, it was all worth the hassle. It ended up being a "SWEET" night!



Alex Heninger (12) and Cassandra Williams (12) take a picture together near the end of the night.



Lauren Meyers (12), Ashley Nowak (11), and Ali Charters (10) smile in a fun-filled environment.



Autumn Batsel (11) and her date come together for the last slow dance of the evening.



Keirra Wright and her date enjoy the song "Sandstorm" by DJ Darude.



The cafeteria was packed with many students throughout the evening.



Alex Suckow(10) and Kameron King (10) stand side by side before heading onto the dance floor.

"It was an epically sweet night!"
Annabell Brown (10)

Couples were everywhere, dancing the night away.



A combination of juniors pose as they take their last picture before the dance.



The Soundtrack of the Evening



1. "Dancing in the Dark"
DEV

2. "I'm Sexy and I Know It"
LMFAO

3. "Get Low"
Lil Jon & East Side Boys



Halloween



Renee Speers (12), Dakota Salatas (12), Ashely Osborn (12), Jen Pritchard (12), and two graduates hang out after a cold night of trick-or-treating.



Before school starts Nicki Ward (11) poses for a quick picture in Mrs. Mikulich's room.

Dalton Corning (11) poses as Evil Knivel between classes.



Fries anyone? Haley Stender (11) as "the best fries on earth."



THIS or THAT

trick or
treating

or

party

Trick or treat with...

friends

or

family

sour
candy

or

chocolate

haunted
house

or

haunted
trail



Watch out! Marysa Mavrakys (11) dresses up as Wario.

"You don't know the power of the dark side!!"

Dylon Vick (11)



Trick-or-Treating never gets old!

According to the largest party supply distributor in the United States, the top 5 Halloween costume trends of 2011 were zombies, mythical creatures, cartoon characters, superheroes and animals. Regardless of your age and whether you enjoy **trick-or-treating**, Halloween never seems to get old. It's the one holiday when it's acceptable to beg your neighbors for candy. When polled, most students said they spent their Halloween **trick-or-treating**, scaring little kids, going out to parties, or staying home with a bowl of popcorn and a cheesy horror flick. "Who ordered the pizza?!" Kelsey Roadruck (12) asked while relaxing at home.

In the past years, the academic teams sponsored the beloved Haunted Trail. With the academic teams moving on to other fundraisers, this tradition was up for grabs. The LHS choir, lead by Mrs. Rickaby, quickly picked it up! Everyone in Lowell, even if not in High School, enjoy the trail full of fun, laughter, and fright. It is definitely the largest attended Halloween event in town.



The Tech Wing teachers gather together showing their creative costumes as the "Wizard of Oz" characters.

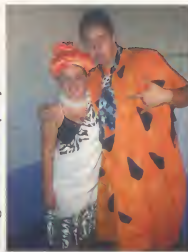


"The Smurfs" featuring: John Barkus (11) and Mike Smith (11).



Zach Rickert (12) provided some scares during the Haunted Trail.

Scott Pitrowski (12) and Amanda Shurman (12) dress for the stoneage during a Halloween party.



Quincey Corning (10), dressed up as a shark, dances during a Spanish class.



"There's Cinderella! Come back and join us!"
Grace Coluzzi (12)

Kelsey Roadruck (12), Alex Pampalone (12), Olivia Dehaan (12), and Renee Frankler (12) pose together during a passing period for a quick picture.



Jacob Lewis (11), Jessieann Eakins (12), and Danny Brady (11) stand together during a passing period showing off how cute they looked for costume day.



Trick-or-treating, Ashley Nowak (11) and Ali Charters (10) bundle up for the cold!



Mission
Perseverance
Crescendo
Special
Renewed
Raw
Improvement
Vintage
Breaking
Technology
Snow
Intense
New
Strength
Win
Passion
Competition
Fun
Win

Winter

Boys Swimming	100	102	Girls Swimming
Boys Varsity Basketball	104	106	JV Boys Basketball
Boys C-Team	107	108	Girls Varsity Basketball
Girls JV Basketball	110	111	Girls C-Team
Wrestling	112	114	Gymnastics
Cheerleading	116	118	Dance Team
Student Council	120	122	Winter Academics
Special Education	124	126	Winter Choir
Scholastic Art	127	128	Winter Band
Winter Formal	130	131	Sweetheart Dance
Dodgeball	132	134	JROTC
Winter Fashion	136	138	Winter Break



Boys Swimming

Win

Most Valuable Player



Connor
Wood (12)

Sportsmanship



Nolan Cook (10)

To say the boys are goofy wouldn't cover it. They are hardworking, strong, and most of all, they are a team. The boys came together when they needed to take things seriously and **win**. "We might be crazy and out of control sometimes, but we all have one thing in common and that is we like to **win**," Tyler Morgan (10) said. These boys woke up at 5 AM in an effort to be in the pool by 6AM and then went to school, only to finish the school day with a 3 hour afternoon practice. Nonetheless, these swimmers had what it took to be a **winning** team. First year swimmer Roman Huseman (12) said "The obsession of having a **winning** team is getting your best time. At the Crown Point meet I got a time of 1:09 on the 100 backstroke; I knew I could do better from that point on."

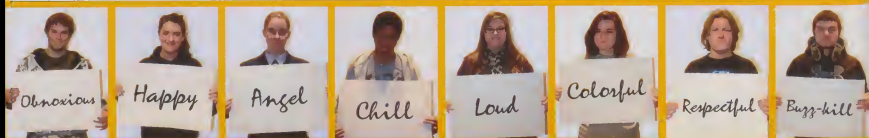
Having a new coach is always going to be difficult, but for these boys it was rewarding. It took some time at the beginning of the year to adjust to the new coaching style of Kelly Hurst. It was not all smiles and laughs. As the year went on and they started to do better than last year they realized that she knew what she was talking about. Tyler Morgan (10) said "We all thought Kelly was going to be really mean and strict, but she's not; she's serious when she needs to be and she's easy to talk to if you have an issue." In the end, most of the boys echoed the same sentiment. "We like to **win**."



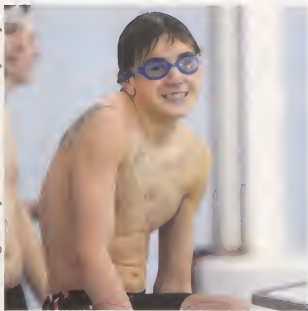
Tyler VanLieshout (12) strives to finish the race.



Zach Wakefield (11) gets ready to complete the 100 back stroke.



Nicholas Herring (10) takes a break after swimming freestyle in the 200 medley relay.



Tyler Thomas (12) stands proud for the National Anthem.



“Vous
ro
da!”
Team Quote



Nick St. Martin (10) gets ready to swim the medley relay at the Lowell invite.

The boys show their excitement on Senior Night.



The Seniors... The Seniors...

Conner Wood

Q-What was the hardest part of the season?

A-Fitting into my Speedo. Why? It's tight.

Tyler Thomas

Q- what is your favorite meal to eat before a meet?

A- Donuts and chocolate milk.

Roman Huseman

Q- Why does all the hard work pay off?

A- At the end of the season you will be much better.

Tyler Vanlieshout

Q- What was the most memorable moment of the season?

A- Senior Night because it was my last season.



Girls Swimming

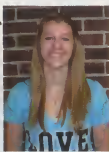


Morgan Campbell (12) gives it her all to win the race.

SEASON

	HOME	AWAY
C	95	91 <i>Kankakee Valley</i>
O	100	95 <i>Merrillville</i>
R	131	51 <i>Griffith</i>
E	127	51 <i>Hobart</i>
S	106	80 <i>Highland</i>
	85	96 <i>Wheeler</i>
	40	146 <i>Munster</i>
	70	110 <i>Crown Point</i>
	127	50 <i>Kennelsaer</i>

Most Valuable Player



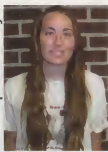
Mikki Wood (9)

Sportsmanship



Kaitlin Wells (12)

Most Improved Player

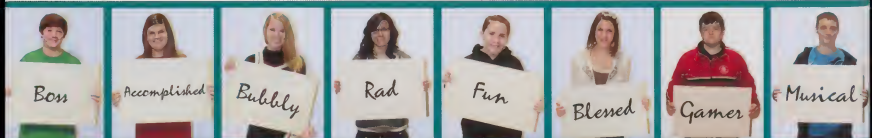


Anna Mayer (10)



Rachel Smith (10), Kaitlin Wells (12), Mikki Wood (9), Haley Stender (11), and Alexa Campbell (12) rest after their meet and pose for a picture.

Alex Suckow (10) competes in a 50 yard freestyle race against K.V.



“The hardest part for me was definitely getting in that cold water every morning!”

Katie Karstenson (10)

Seniors

One word that was on our minds at end of the season was **seniors**. We all loved our **seniors** and knowing that they won't be next year was heartbreaking to all of us. With having seven **seniors** graduating, the team felt a huge loss at the end of the season. The team was sad to say goodbye to Kaitlin Wells (12), Vanessa Sams (12), Jessie Henshilwood (12), Morgan Campbell (12), Alexa Campbell (12), Alison Johnson (12), and Stephanie Proud (12). One of the best memories was the Twin Lakes Invite, because they got to stay up all night and play Just Dance 3, eat tons of food, teepee coach Sherry's house at two in the morning, go to Dennys at four o'clock in the morning, and swim in an all day meet the morning after. They also enjoyed more team bonding this season which made leaving so much harder. Megan Degroot (10) said, “we will make them proud of us and continue all the traditions that we have.” In the end we will always remember our **seniors**.

Jessie Henshilwood (12) adjusts her goggles as she gets ready to swim the 100 breaststroke.



Hailey Langmeyer (10) and Alexis Stender (9) prepare to dive off the blocks and defeat Hobart.

Anna Mayer (10) cools down by the side of the pool.



The seniors get together for a group photo on Senior Night.



Varsity Boys Basketball

Danny Deboer (11) shows off his skill as he dribbles past the defense during the intense game at Hebron.



Zack VanHook (10) goes for a lay-up at a conference game against Andean.



Brandon Bullitt (12) and Aaron Hamm (10) force Gary Lighthouse to turn over the ball.



Dan Willoughby (11) stays aggressive on offense while playing Munster.

The Seniors In One Word

Brandon Bullitt

Intelligent

Jim Kennelly

Warrior

Nick Kijurna

Ripped

Austin Magley

Jacked

Kyle Richwalski

Gigantic

Nick Willison

Humorous



Zack VanHook (10) is victorious in the tip-off.

“I enjoy running point guard.

Why?

I'm a boss at it, like a mixture of Steve Nash and Magic Johnson.”

Nick Kijurna (12)





Kyle Richwalski (12) goes up strong to the basket against Gary Lighthouse.



Austin Magley (12) looks to his teammates to pass the ball.



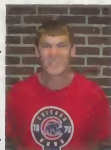
Nick Kijurna (12) and Nick Willison (12) get excited to challenge Highland in "The Pit" during their staring line up.

Perseverance in The Pit

Balls dribbled. Sweat trickled. You couldn't help but notice the individual dedication of each one of the boys. The season was full of positives and negatives. Through the good and bad, the boys pulled together as a team. **Perseverance** is what kept the boys pushing through each game. "The season was full of ups and downs; winning streaks and losing streaks. We ran into good teams and we worked hard to find ways to beat those front-tiered teams," Brandon Bullitt (12) described.

Lights out. Music blared. The fans screamed as the cheerleaders yelled, "We want, we want, we want Devils!" You could hear the "Ah-ah-ah" of the boys getting wound up for their game outside their locker room. As the boys busted through the "Devils" sign the crowd went wild. Game days were the highlight of the season. "My team always picked me up when I was down; We all picked each other up, because **perseverance** is what kept our team going when times got tough," Austin Magley (12) explained about his teammates. Although, they fell short of expectations in the post season, learning to overcome adversity through **Perseverance** is a lesson that can never be taken away from this team.

Sportsmanship



Spenser Kersey (11)

L-Club Leadership



Kyle Richwalski (12)

Co-MVP



Kyle Richwalski (12)

Co-MVP



Zack Van Hook (10)



Spenser Kersey (11) focuses on the form of his free throw.

Austin Magley (12) goes for a three pointer, while Nick Kijurna (12) crashes the boards.



Athletic



Sprache Kenner



Nimble



Shy



Beast



Cantankerous



Lovable



Obnoxious

JV Boys Basketball

The boys team up for a huddle before going back to the game.



Billy Barker (10) looking for a teammate to pass to.



Zach Bobos

Q: How would you describe this team?

A: *Young*

Q: What obstacles as a team did you feel you had to overcome?

A: *Turnovers*

Q: What methods did you use to get better?

A: *Jump rope*

“We've definitely improved however there is still a lot of work needed.”

Jared Cottingham (10)

Sportsmanship

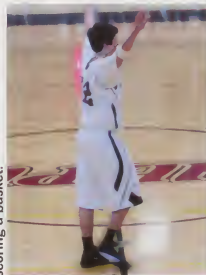


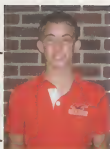
Jared Cottingham (10)



The boys run down court for the fast break.

Jordan Hansen (10) celebrates after scoring a basket.





John Wietbrock (9)

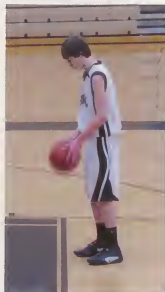
Boys C-Team

Raw Talent

Athletic and **raw**, just two words used to describe the boys basketball C-Team. Each boy on this team showed passion for the game, as they were forced to overcome a challenging season while learning to work as a team. Some had trouble getting off to a good start to a game; others had trouble with getting used to other teammates' tendencies. Although these are common obstacles, this team seemed to find the patients and dedication necessary to push through and make the season enjoyable and fulfilling. A couple stand-out mottos the team played by rang true at every practice and game. Richard Lauridsen (9) echoed the phrase "Get on the help line," while Delmer Fleming (10) quoted "Win from within" as a memorable motto. The boys seemed to have a similar method for getting their minds into the game as well; a majority of the boys used music as a preparatory tool before the games. While the **raw** talent evolves into trained technique, these boys will continue to grow as players and teammates, and we look forward to seeing what they have to bring to the court in future years of play.



The boys "team up" before heading out onto the court.



Austin Ingram(9) shoots two free throws to help his team get the win.



John Wietbrock (9) takes a breather before the game starts back up.



Unique



Bos



Wild



Limitless



Determined



Sarcastic



Trailblazer



Crazy

Girls Varsity Basketball



Mackenzie Kreutz (11) out jumps K.V. at tipoff.



Sarah Weitbrock (11) drives hard to the basket against Crown Point.



Katie Bobos (11) makes a perfect shot against Crown Point.

Intense Season Makes History

The gym goes completely dark. Silence and expectation fills the stands packed full of spectators and an intense atmosphere lingers in the air. A spotlight shines, focusing on the Lowell Red Devils' bench. The girls varsity basketball team is mere moments away from tipoff. It is game time at Lowell High School. The Pit is transformed into a battleground full of **intensity**.

The 2011-2012 girls varsity basketball team left their mark in Lowell Athletic history books this year with two huge accomplishments: beating Crown Point for only the second time in school history and claiming the Northwest Crossroads Conference Championship title. The girls achieved their success this season through their **intense** play, game after game. Katie Bobos (11) said, "We've had to work hard all year." **Intense** practices helped the team win the Carroll tournament for the second year in a row, beat Griffith, Boone Grove, and Munster, and also beat Hobart for the first time since 2005.

"I am going to miss all of the girls and the coaches. We all worked hard together and had a lot of fun." said Sarah Fraikin (12). The Devils ended their **intense** season with a 18-4 record overall, and were ranked second in the area by the Times Newspaper. The post-season did not end as planned for the girls, with an **intense** loss to Lake Central in the Sectional semifinals. However, this team has left a permanent mark at Lowell High School with their incomparable **intensity** and accomplishments.

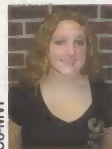
"Finish the game!"

Coach Antcliff



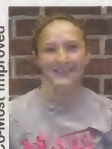
Co-MVP

Kalyne Godbolt (11)



Co-MVP

Katie Bobos (11)



Co-Most Improved

Sarah Weiser (10)



Co-Most Improved

Sarah Weitbrock (11)



L-Club Leadership/
Sportsmanship

Savannah Summers (12)





The girls won Northwest Crossroads Conference with an undefeated conference record of 6-0.



Sarah Fraikin (12) plays outstanding defense against Morton.



After beating Crown Point, Kalyne Godbolt (11) looks at the scoreboard as she runs to the locker room.



Sarah Weiser (10) recovers the ball for a fast break against North Newton.



The Lady Red Devils finished their season with an overall record of 18-4.

“This season made us better players.”

Sarah Fraikin (12)

Carley Austgen (11) and Mackenzie Kreutz (11) team up for a great stop on defense.



WORDS *with senior*

SAVANNAH SUMMERS

- Q:** What makes this season special to you?
- A:** The group of girls. We had great team chemistry.
- Q:** What is your favorite memory of this year?
- A:** The night we won conference; We were all so happy and going crazy after the game!
- Q:** What impact do you want this team to leave on future teams?
- A:** I want our team to show future teams not to underestimate themselves. If you work hard and love your team, any record is possible.

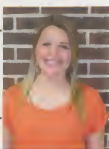


JV Girls Basketball

Jessica Bullitt (9) guards a Crown Point player from getting the ball.

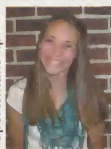


JV Sportsmanship



Hunter Jusevitch (9)

C-Team Sportsmanship



Katie Lewandowski (9)



Nicole Sharkey (9) runs down the court to score a point against Hobart.

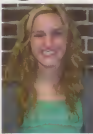


Amy Fraikin (10) succeeds in doing a lay-up to win a game.

Jessica Bullitt (9) and Hunter Jusevitch (9) take a breather during a game.



getting to know SARAH OPAT



Q: Did you have any regrets this season?

A: I regret hesitating to shoot more throughout the games. It's good to always stride to do your best, to let yourself shine.

Q: When did you start playing basketball?

A: I started playing in 2nd grade.

Q: Are you planning on playing for the rest of high school?

A: Yes! My plan is to be playing on varsity by the end of high school.



Genuine



Cheerful



Fresh



Forgetful



Indecisive



Lazy



Heat



Foxy

Girls C-Team

“Even if we're losing, don't give up. We can still win this game!”

Team Quote

A JV player passes the ball to her teammate while trying to beat East Chicago.



Jessica Bullitt (9) shoots a two-pointer while playing against North Newton.



It's All About Improvement

After the blaring ring of the buzzer stops, this Red Devil team groups together as one. The scoreboard displays the proof of their victory. The girls all agree that at the end of the day their most important accomplishment was their **improvement**. “We always tried our hardest to win the game, and at the end of the season we can feel better about never giving up and pushing through,” said Victoria Martin (9).

After overcoming a few disappointing losses, these Lady Red Devils stood back up and proved that they were capable of victory. This was all possible through immense determination and working together towards a single goal. “We worked together great and that helped us defeat the other teams,” said Hunter Jusevitch (9).

When seeing this team play their hardest, their perseverance became apparent. “Even if we lost, we gained experience and **improved** with every practice and every game,” said Skyler Lewis (9).



Nicole Sharkey (9) goes for a lay-up against North Newton.



Wrestling



Kenny Hughes (10) pins his opponent in the cradle for the win. Kenny went on to be a state qualifier to end his season.

“I must break you.”
Juhani Jarvensivu (11)



The boys beat the record of “most points scored in a conference match.” Seven boys won their bracket.

Breaking Down Barriers

Long exhausting practices. Running miles. Cutting weight. These are just some of the challenges wrestlers face during a given season. The working doesn't stop after practice, because the boys have to condition and cut weight to adequately compete at their meets. This is just one of the reasons that the boys broke the conference record this year. Munster held the previous records for not only “most points scored in a conference meet,” but also “the largest margin of victory.” Munster had a previous score of 263.5 over-all with 71.5 being the largest margin of victory documented. Our boys scored 270 points and had a 76 point margin of victory, **breaking** the record! “It is a great accomplishment for the team; everyone worked so hard,” said Jimmy Curry (10). “We felt great. It was a goal at the beginning of the season to win conference, and to do it in such a convincing fashion was simply icing on the cake,” said Coach Willmann. As the boys ended their season by sending one participant Kenny Hughes (10) to state, the wrestlers are already training hard to improve their personal records for next year.



Tyler Wright (12) starts with a bang at the match at the Al Smith tournament.





Ryan Patterson (11) rides out a tough opponent at the Al Smith tournament.

“And if you're lucky,
you'll get a black eye.”

Coach Howard

Kenny Hughes (10), Ryan Patterson (11), Tyler Wright (12), Jeremy Crocker (12), Scotty Pitrowski (12), Josh Bottos (10), Alex Mavros (10), Mitch Roadruck (11) were the eight Semi-State qualifiers



L-Club Leadership



Scott Pitrowski (12)

Sportsmanship



Ryan Patterson (11)

Most Improved

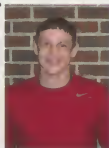


Alex Mavros (10)



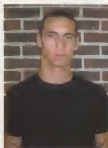
Jeremy Crocker (12) gets out of a single leg at the sectional tournament.

Co-Most Valuable Player



Kenny Hughes (10)

Co-Most Valuable Player



Jeremy Crocker (12)

Life and Times of Scotty P.

Q: How long have you been wrestling?

I've been wrestling for 5 years, since the 8th grade.

Q: What is your favorite move?
A PA, (pass arm) because it is what I'm good at.

Q: What do you love most about wrestling?
I love that it is hard and not many people can do it.

Q: Are you wrestling in college? Where at?
Yes, at Manchester College.



Mitch Roadruck (11) winks at the camera while pinning his opponent.



Josh Bottos (10) hand fights with his opponent to win his bracket for conference.



Gymnastics



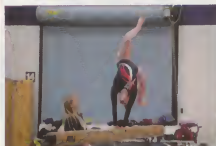
The team takes a moment to each set a personal and team goal to accomplish during the upcoming season.

Tumble Upon a Team Full of New Faces.

Lowell's 2012 gymnastics team flipped into the season with a total of fourteen girls. With only four returning varsity members, the team was introduced to **new** faces and fresh talent. Skyler Lewis (9) said, "I was scared coming into gymnastics, because I only have a tumbling background."

Practices are a vital part of gymnastics, so utilizing the gym time available was detrimental to achieving their goals. When it came to meets it was a chance for some of the **new** girls to shine. Sam Hammer (10) didn't have any gymnastics background and became the second highest beam scorer on the team. Meets weren't about winning it was about improving each girl's individual score. All the **new** girls, as well as the returning girls, broke personal records throughout the season.

The team supports Mollie Arnold (9) as she mounts for her routine.



Skyler Lewis (9) does her back walk over on beam at Hobart.



Ashley Ulanowski (12) throws her layout on a floor routine.



Kara Manojlovich (11) gets her personal record of 8.4 on vault.

"I graduated college to be your coach!"
Coach Joe

The girls gather around for a pep talk before their first meet where everyone competed for a fantastic team score.





CO-Most Improved
Sam Hammer(10)



Most Valuable Player
Ashley Ulanowski(12)



Sportsmanship
Brittany Clemens(11)



L-Club Leadership
Kara Manojlovich(11)

Practice As a team Perform As an individual Unite

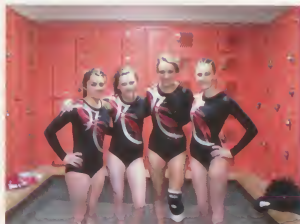
For a TEAM Score



CO-Most Improved
Skyler Lewis (9)



Kara Manojlovich (11) and Skyler Lewis (9) sing "Don't Stop Believing" on their way to the Chesterton meet.



The girls pose before the first meet to open up the season at Laporte High School.

"OH,
George"
Sam
Hammer (10)



Juniors gather together for a group picture.



After practice the girls get together for a Christmas party.

"If only we
practiced as much
as we sang."
Brittany Clemens (11)



GETTING TO KNOW Leeann Sheets

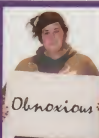
Q: What is your favorite event?

A: Beam, because I'm working on my back-walkover.

Q: How would you describe your experience?

A: Fun, and exciting. I learned new skills and improved my scores.

Sam Hammer (10)
warms up her vault
before she competes.



Cheerleading

Kelsie Roadruck (12) and Renee Franker (12) hold up the Red Devil mascot, Diablo, during a timeout cheer.



The Thrill of Competition

The girls didn't stop at state. They continued their competitive season cheering at local schools. Both JV and Varsity took stunt groups to Crown Point's cheer competition. JV member Brittney Korth (11) said, "Being new to cheerleading this season, competing was a lot of fun. You start to get chills before you take the floor."

Another competition both squads competed in was the Laporte Cheer Competition. This time the squads competed as well as the stunt groups. Ashley Ulanowski (12) competed in the individual section and placed first!

Taking the floor for the last time, three seniors traveled to the Midwest Cheer Competition. Kelsie Roadruck and Renee Franker competed as a duo placing second while Ashley Ulanowski competed individually and placed third. "This season we came together closer than ever and as it ended we looked back at the things we accomplished when we took the floor together," said Coach Lenzo.



Ashley Ulanowski (12) performs the toe touch that won her first place during Crown Point's jump off.

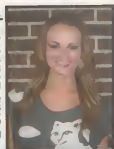
There's nothing like showing a little holiday spirit. Juniors, Hunter Lindsey and Kara Manojlovich, dress up for the game.



Sabrina Cebra (10), Kara Manojlovich (11), Renee Franker (12), Ashley Ulanowski (12), and Kelsie Roadruck (12) compete as a stunt group in the Crown Point cheer competition.

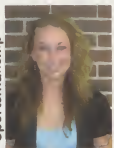


L-Club Leadership



Kelsie Roadruck (12)

Sportsmanship



Kara Manojlovich (11)

Co-MVP



Ashley Ulanowski (12)

Co-MVP



Renee Franker (12)

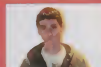
Most Improved



Sabrina Cebra (10)



Nice



Reckless



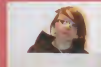
Friendly



Dank



Nothing



Creative



Undefined



Obvious

The girls perform the school song before the Crown Point game.



The JV girls lead the crowd in "All You've Gotta Say."



"A group of best friends I get to call MY TEAM!"

Kelsie Roadruck(12)

"Until your good is better and your better is best!"

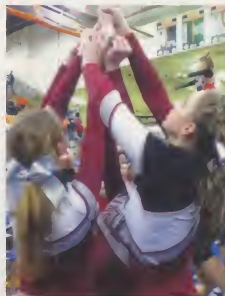
Shelby Downen (11)



The JV girls do their favorite time out cheer for the girls Munster game.



At half-time the JV girls dance along to the music played by the band.



While everybody looks at the flier, this is what goes on under the stunt. Bases Kelsie Roadruck (12), Sabrina Cebra (10), and Back spot Kara Manojlovich (11) lock out to keep up the lib.



"We want Devils"..the girls call out to the boys' team on senior night.

BRITTNEY KORTH

FAVORITE
MOMENT OF
THE SEASON:

When I flatulated on Ali Charters' head!



Nicole Dumsky (10)



Brittney Korth (11)

Ali Charters (10) cheers to "Everybody Yell Go!"



Dance Team

"I felt like our team was a family, and I loved every girl like a dance sister."

Danielle Harmston (9)

Renewed

Have facials, do your best, don't be so nervous and most importantly, don't drop anyone, girls!" That's the typical advice one would hear coming from captains Kevina Chapman (12) and Brandi Stormer (12) when pumping up the dance team. Specifically on homecoming night, the team wanted to replace the awful impression that past performances seemed to label them by. The football lights were beaming brightly and the team could hear the resounding cheers of all the fans. It was the very first performance of the year (other than the pep-rally), and the team wanted so badly to leave a good impression. When a group of girls practice for months and months, when they work themselves harder than they ever have before, they want to prove how good they truly are. As they stand there tapping their feet and biting their fingernails, they can't ignore that this is the team's one chance to make a positive impact. Nerve-wracking, isn't it? As the football players jogged off the field at half-time, the girls' stomachs seemed to plummet into bottomless pits. As their eyes wandered up into the enormous swarm of students and parents, everything that had been practiced seemed to escape the nervous mind of each and every girl. Suddenly, they felt like they were left with nothing. "Space out guys and calm down. We can do this." Encouraging words like these traveled through the group as they tried to shake off the nerves. As "Disturbia" by Rihanna filled the stadium, the shells began to crack as the girls remembered their fierce costumes, looking intimidating, almost as if they had been set on fire. The moves suddenly come as natural as breathing, and they completely dominated the dance. Out of nowhere, every distraction disappeared and the girls realized that all that mattered was the dance. "The most unforgettable moment of the season was the homecoming game," agreed dancers Nicole Foresta (10) and Samantha Chalmers (10). Needless to say, the girls **renewed** their confidence and their appreciation for dance while making a lasting impression on the crowd: leaving them wishing for future performances.



Kevina Chapman (12), Alyssa Matthews (11), and Brandi Stormer (12) take a quick break preparing for homecoming night.

"We came to dance, not take off our pants!"

Hannah Knoblich (10)



Lizzy Stanton (10), Hannah Knoblich (10) and Samantha Chalmers (10) goof around before a performance.





The team poses fiercely after a successful homecoming performance.

Danielle Harmston (9), Hayley Schmidt (9), Kevena Chapman (12), and Brandi Stormer (12) pause to pose with Hayley's legendary stuffed creature, Chuckles.



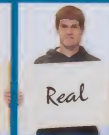
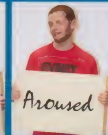
Savanna Ryder (9), Nicole Foresta (10), Samantha Chalmers (10), Brandi Stormer (12), and Abigail Davis (10) beam with pride after they shuffle at the January 7th varsity basketball game.



Cory Griffith (10) helps Danielle Harmston (9) create her performance hairdo.

Busta Move

Shuffle
Handstand Stunt
Stall
C-Jumps
Roundoff Back
Handspring



Student Council



Trevor Nantais (12), Katrina Rasmussen (12), and Emily Lueder (12) toss around a couple of ideas for the senior gift.



Some of the junior student council girls stand with pride with their "Among the Stars" themed prom shirts.

Yves Guillermo (12) and Kyle Eller (11) dance along with Craig Tournquist who was sponsored by the SADD council.



"Student council may be 'nerdy,' but it's so much fun!"

Megan Robinson (9)



Students were able to text while driving during a AAA driving simulator sponsored by the SADD council.



The freshman council gathered to discuss the upcoming Sweetheart dance.

"My favorite part of student council is having say so. I like being a part of something extra."

Mirrenda Smith (9)



Catching up with Emily

Name: *Emily Lawler*

Grade: *12*

Years in Student Council:
Junior and Senior

Why did you join student council?

My friend, Katrina Rasmussen (12), and I wanted to help plan prom!

What is your favorite part about student council?

Planning prom last year!

What is the most rewarding part of student council?

Meeting new people.

What other extracurricular activities are you apart of at LHS?

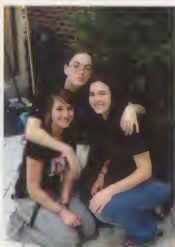
Spanish club, National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving, peer mentoring, and choir!



Mrs. Van Hoose and Alex Turner (12) discuss the senior gift for the school during a very early-morning meeting.



Cassandra Williams (12), Annabelle Brown (10), and Danielle Wilson (12) put up a small Christmas tree for the hat, glove, and scarf drive.



Fun From Beginning to End

Homecoming, Prom, SADD events, Friends of Rachael (FOR) Club, the Sweetheart Dance, Winter Formal, Charity activities, Student Involvement. Student Council works year-round to provide these meaningful, entertaining, rewarding, and fun events to our school. Without dedicated officers, none of this would be possible. Officers are expected to not only complete the “grunt work,” but also motivate others to commit their free time to such a worthy cause. “I really enjoyed everyone’s participation and enthusiasm towards keeping a better student body. If I could come back next year as a super-senior just to keep the student body more involved, I would!” Cassandra Williams (12) said. With a hectic start running the homecoming themed “Candyland,” the student council year was in full swing. Also in the fall, SADD created an event held in the field house that promoted the awareness of drinking and driving on October 20th. The traditional Turnabout dance was retitled “Sweetheart” in the winter and students became more involved with March’s Student Involvement month. Mrs. Witkowski took on a huge endeavor by documenting all events held in the high school in an effort to promote greater student involvement. In the spring, Prom’s theme “Under the Stars” was held at the Serbian Hall on May 19th and SADD gave out contracts to prevent drinking and driving and rewarded students with t-shirts. “I wanted to join a club that would be fun” Kylee Pelton (10). It’s easy to see why the sponsors, officers, and student council members always seem so busy. It’s one of the only extra-curricular activities that demands work from August-May every single school year.



Winter Academics



Mr. Simon's auto class enjoys the Volt, lent to them by Smith Chevy.

Mr. Garling's class works on painting a new landscape piece.



“Erick, your hat looks like a super Martian head cage!”

Miss Deardorff

Kyle White (11) and Daniel Willoughby (11) defend Marjan Smitkowski (11) during their trial in American Literature.

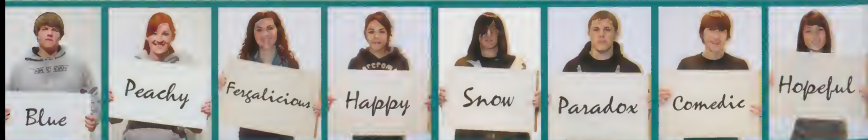


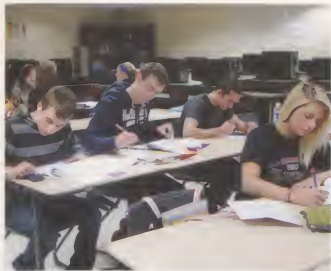
Which Do YOU Prefer?

Red & Black Days

96%

Traditional Days 4%



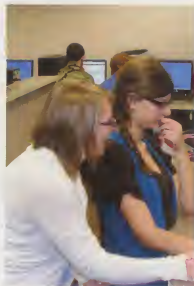


Mr. Docter's Personal Finance class, uses the skills they learned to take their final.



A flapper girl serenades Mr. Werling during a US History field trip to Tommy Gun's Garage.

Liz Hilt (11) and Katie Mooney (11) tally up the results of their Sociology survey.



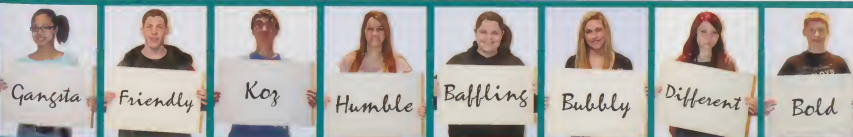
Eric Groebner (11) shows his Physics class all the hard work he put into his Super Martian Hat.



Jared Kouzer (11), Breana Norris (11), and Brittany Balcerak (11), listen intently to instructions.

Technology in the Classroom

Technology has been around as long as the average high-schooler can remember. However, being encouraged to use **technology** in the classroom is a newer venture for the Tri-Creek School Corporation. Socially, between cell phones and the internet, we find all different ways to communicate with our peers. However, academically, when we do not understand how to do things, we find it difficult to ask for help. With the help of technically savvy teachers like Mr. Gianotti, Celly has become a regular technology tool used in the classroom. Celly is a website that allows you to communicate with your teachers and classmates using text messages. "I find Celly helpful, because it helps me to better understand the materials" Kourtnei Burright (9) said. A new form of teacher/student communication also happens when using Google Docs. This application allows you to create documents, slideshows, or even surveys, and then share them with teachers and classmates for feedback and editing. "It reminds me about important work and allows me to be able to do most computer work at home" Clark Smith (10) stated. Celly and Google Docs have become well accepted and are paving the way to a **technological** future. When looking to years to come, Tri-Creek students are promised additional **technological** advancement by teachers who are trained and comfortable with the growing trends.



Special Education



The entire class gathered around Mrs. Matthias and her cake on her last day in the classroom.



Jacob Lewis (11), Jessieann Eakins (12) and Tony Cermak (11) celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a strawberry decorated cake.

Positive Strength

No matter whom you are or what time of day it is, you are always greeted upon entering Mrs. Bilski's classroom. Whether it's Michael Gruszka waving and saying "Good morning," regardless of the time of day, or Alecia Valadez asking how you are, or how your day is going. Each and every day all eleven of these individuals show their incredible **strength**. Whether they're working on checkbooks, doing Joey's Locker packets, or taking field trips to the circus they continue to have a smile on their faces. They enjoy each and every task they are faced with on a daily basis. Breanna Propes (11) said, "Being a mentor and spending each day with these students has taught me so many things, and has challenged me to look at things in a different perspective." Working is one of the biggest contributions to the classroom. Each week, all of the students work together with Ms. Penny, putting together bulletins for the church. Some of the students also work at the resale shop in town, the library, and every Monday a group of students venture into the community and deliver meals for Meals on Wheels. No matter what the day or what situation they are forced to face, each one of these eleven individuals shows incredible **strength**, with a permanent smile on their face.





The students get ready to get on the bus to go on a field trip!

favorite class fieldtrips

1. circus
2. mi ranchito
3. breakfast club
4. enviro-room
5. bowling



Alex Quirarte (10) gets help from Mrs. Maatman while bowling at the Stardust Bowling Alley in Dyer.

Bobby Calabrese (9) colors in his green jello flavored shamrock, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.



While putting up the Christmas decorations, Justin Spivey (9) and Josh Stanton (11) show their Christmas spirit.



Winter Choir

Vocal Flare Songs

"Footloose"

"My Grown Up Christmas List"
"Baby It's Cold Outside"

"Swing A Christmas Carol"

Premiere Distinction belts the holiday classic, "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas."



Accents show off their three part harmony, singing, "Prayer of The Children."



Debutantes spread Christmas cheer singing, "Here Comes Santa Claus."

The Show Choir, Vocal Flare, make their first debut at the Christmas Concert.



Acquire sings the joyful ethnic song, "Jambo."



All the choirs come together to sing well known Christmas songs with the audience.

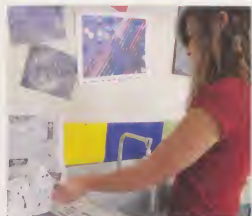
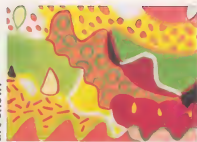


"I am so proud and happy to have a fun-loving and hardworking choir."

Emma Cook (9)



Kendall Wilkes' (10) 3D art project in the art show.



Allyson Thompson (12) uses a splatter technique while glazing her two piece canister set in ceramics.

Scholastic Art



Sarah Opat (10) shows her satisfaction for her finished ceramics project.

FAVORITE ART CLASS

Drawing 45%

25% Ceramics

Painting 10%

20% Visual

Art is Passion

To keep or to cut. Our school was recently faced with the obstacle of keeping or cutting art classes. Thankfully, art was kept as an option for our school this year. This nearly-tragic experience left us thinking about how boring school would be without an outlet for expressing our artistic talents. This thought made many students appreciate the opportunity to advance in art and, in turn, they became more **passionate** towards art. "Art shows how different everyone is; we can all be assigned the same project, yet they would each be unique and personal to the artist," said Carlee Newsome (12). If art was taken away, some students would not have the same level of opportunity as other students to prepare for future careers or succeed in school. It is important to have a variety of classes available to suit the variations of students. "Some people achieve more scholastically, and some people excel in art. Both should be available for students," proclaimed Alicia Starek (11). Although some students achieve more in academics, every student has the potential to gain valuable work skills by enrolling in an art class. Individualism and creativity are appreciated and promoted in our elective offerings. They say you can't fully appreciate something until it's gone. We hope that all of the art work full of passion that's created and displayed, will forever be appreciated and cherished.

"Art makes the world a little brighter."

Paige Kuiken (11)



Megan Suarez (11) displays her Georgia O'Keeffe inspired water color painting in the art show.



Winter Band

Crescendo

The **Crescendo** of the band and guard program was evident this winter season. The winter drum-line program was taken over by new Associate Director of Bands, Mr. Kyle Govert. This year the drum-line added several individual pieces, while continuing to **crescendo** in performance technique. All of the students are pleased to have Mr. Govert, especially the percussion students. "He's a drummer, teaching drummers, and we get a lot done even though we are having fun!" Melissa Stachon (12) said.

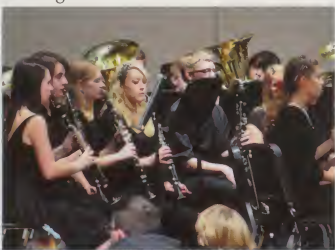
The winter guard program also continued its tradition of growth and excellence when it saw the enrollment of guard members rise to well over 40. Speaking of growth, "This year's Jazz Band call-out included so many students that we had to split the group into two different Jazz bands," said Mr. Killion. The Jazz Band had a tremendous amount of success at the ISSMA contest where they received gold for their outstanding performance.

Every year, solo and ensemble participants show **Crescendo**, especially when the band sends over 110 performers to district solo and ensemble. Out of all of the students that competed at district, 75 students (well over half the band) qualified to perform at state. That is one of the highest percentages in the state. Overall, the Lowell band and guard program has had tremendous success, and is continuing to **Crescendo** and grow.



The pep band pumped up the crowd while playing Party Rock Anthem.

The wind ensembles clarinet section, performing during the winter concert.



Winter Guard rehearsing for their spring showcase.





A group of students at state qualifications for solo and ensemble.

“I didn't choose the trumpet... the trumpet chose me.”

Alex Heninger (12)

Band IN ONE WORD

“Bandtastic”

Dylan Myers (11)

“Exhilarating”

Tyler Cooper (9)

“Inspirational”

Madeline Zaberdac (10)

“Phenomenal”

Cory Rosenbauer (10)



Mr. Govert reading 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' to a group of children during the Christmas concert.



Students after performing at solo and ensemble.



Winter Formal

You Were Asked:

Dinner Before vs. Dinner After?

15%

85%

Short Dress vs. Long Dress?

75%

25%

Long Tie vs. Bow Tie?

90%

10%

Fast Songs vs. Slow Songs?

65%

35%

Going with a Date vs.

50%

Going Solo?

50%

Malena Hernandez (10), Andrea Garcia (10), Alejandra Garcia (12), and Alison Johnson (12) show off their stylish dates.



Leah Fenner (12), Kylee Pelton (10), Jordyn Reed (12), Amanda Shurman (12), Rachel Megquier (10), and Kaitlyn McClintic (10) getting excited for the dance.



Alyssa Kersey (12) and Paul Mauer (10) are all smiles underneath the Hollywood Sign.



Alex Turner (12) mimics Mrs. VanHoose and her pregnant belly.



Jordan Rowe (12), Casey Zaberdac (12), Stephanie Desimini (12), and date, Keith Desimini (9), Maddie Zaberdac (10), Jamie Stinnett (12), and date are looking very classy in their winter formal attire.



Sweetheart Dance

Roman Huseman (12), Tyler Munjas, Alison Johnson (12) and Brandon Bullitt (12) show off their fun side before attending the Sweethearts's Dance.



Cassandra Williams (12) and Alex Hening (12) participated in the Ring Pop Weddings conducted by Mr. Gianotti.



Jake Hayden (12), Sarah Fraikin (12), Austin Magley (12), and Ashley Starcevic (12) pose for a picture outside the cafeteria.



Sweethearts In Full Swing

"I now illegally pronounce you man and wife." These are the words you would expect to hear if you attended the **Sweethearts** Dance. Mr. Gianotti ran the chapel, playing the role of minister. For just \$1, he married **sweethearts** with Ring Pop's. "It added a new twist to the dance. It was something we don't usually see," stated Jake Hayden (12). You didn't have to go with your **sweetheart** though to have fun. There were plenty of people, all dancing the night away and having a great time. Dancing to all of the newest songs and some oldies brought back a lot of memories, while we were creating new ones. "The fact that the song "Baby" by Justin Bieber came on just made my night" exclaimed Alison Johnson (12). This night was a success from start to finish. "I didn't want to stop dancing, I was getting my groove on!" said Mikki Wood (9). If you didn't attend, you missed out on a pretty wonderful evening.



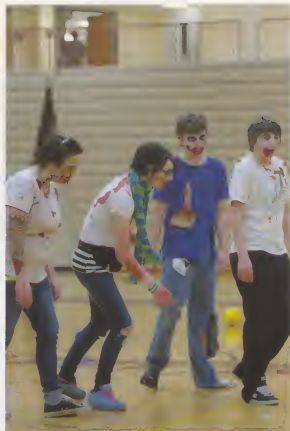
Tyler Munjas (12), Ashley Pastuszak (12), Kyle Eller (11), Roman Huseman (12), Alison Johnson (12), and date, and Brandon Bullitt (12) keep the party going by going to the bowling alley.



Dodge Ball

Special

This year marked the eighth annual dodge ball tournament. Dodge ball is not only a fun activity, it is also a profitable fundraiser for our academic teams. The profit goes toward curriculum and transportation for our three academic teams. Dodge ball started soon after the movie 'Dodge Ball' came out. Mr. Gianotti said, "We were hoping to capitalize on the movie's popularity." In past years, trophies were only given to the best costumes and winning team. The evening yields quite a few trophies. We give them out for M.V.P., sportsmanship, presentation, uniforms, and winning the overall tournament. Participation in dodge ball has continually grown over the past few years. Although every year is **special**, this year will be remembered for wacky costumes, underdogs, and great crowd participation.



Beth Braun (12) and her teammates playing as she wins an individual uniform award.

Eddie Simmons (10) smiles as he throws the ball to the opposite team.



MVP'S

Freshman MVP-

Reed Holdeman (9)

Female MVP-

Alyssa Kersey (12)

Student MVP-

Jason Kamosa (11)

Nick Porras (11)



Awards

Presentation

Sarah Ward (12), Maddie Pyke (12) & Steve Torrez (11)

Individual Uniforms

Trent Espravnik (11), Mitch Leckrone (11), Kyle Eller (11), Beth Braun (12), & Bryan Thomas (11)

Sportsmanship

Jacob Cook (11), A.J. Duerig (9), Spenser Kersey (11), & Clark Mikesell (12)

Team Uniforms

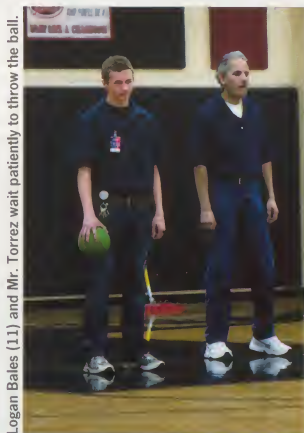
Five Man Wolf Pack:
Mr. Wong, Austin Druckemiller (11), Nick Porras (11), Drew Roadruck (11), & Wes Hardin (11)



Some of the teams gathered together to go over the rules before they started.

“St. Baldrick's partnered with dodgeball this year to make the tournament extra special.”

Mr. Gianotti



Logan Bales (11) and Mr. Torrez wait patiently to throw the ball.



JROTC

The food pantry is one of the many community services the cadets participate in.



Flight 411B brings collects toys for the "Toys for Tots" charity before Christmas.



AWARDS

- Air Force Association:
Stephanie Proud (12)
- American Legion Scholastic:
Mikayla Marcinek (11) & Erik Wistyskowski (11)
- American Legion General Military Excellence:
Alex Turner (12) & Alex Heninger (12)
- Daughter of the American Revolution:
Camandra Williams (12)
- Son of the American Revolution:
Tyler Marx (12)
- Retired Officer Association:
Andrea Proud (12) & Kaylee Kincaid (11)
- Military Order of World Wars:
Emily Loyer (9)
- Military Officers Association:
Danielle Wilson (12)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars:
Zach Cooper (12) & Rachel Elliott (12)
- Nation Sojourners:
Kiera Wright (11)
- Scottish Rite:
Tyler Hutton (10)
- Military Order of the Purple Heart:
Kyle White (11)
- Air Force Sergeant Association:
Dylon Vick (11)
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:
Victoria Shepler (12)
- Tuskegee Airmen:
Keith Lee (12) & Devin Chasko (10)
- The Retired Enlisted Association:
Kelly Chase (12)
- Air Commando Association:
Mark Perry (10) & Mitchell Fleming (12)
- Outstanding 1st Year Cadet:
Emily Loyer (9)
- Outstanding 2nd Year Cadet:
Kyle White (11)
- Outstanding 3rd Year Cadet:
Camandra Williams (12)
- Outstanding 4th Year Cadet:
Alex Turner (12)

"I hope my fellow cadets show me the level of trust which I have shown to them."
Dylon Vick (11)



Mikayla Marcinek (11) hands the ball to Jinger Szura (11) while at PT in the wrestling room.



Flight 411A performs a military drill routine for the three year inspection.



Eleven "Top Dog" cadets stand together with Congressman Visclosky to explain and inform him of the S.O.S and hoping for his help.



Sergeant Yedinak demonstrating his lesson for his flight 411A.



One Family, One Mission

The program's main mission was to "Save Our Sarge" (S.O.S). Sarge was told that he needs a college degree to teach and is on the border line of loosing his job. With the help and support of the cadets and the history he has with teaching, Sarge shouldn't have had any issues keeping his job as the programs instructor/teacher. The cadets set up a Facebook page that had launched with over 400 likes, petitions went around, and emails were sent to the President of the United States. Few selected cadets were invited to present a package to Congressman Visclosky in search for his help. "We are one big happy family. I would do the same for them" Sergeant Yedinak stated. With an indescribable year, the program passed the 3 year inspection with zero discrepancies. All cadets earned a pizza party for their hard work, proving the program is worth continuing for our next three year contract.

Community service is a highly practiced and appreciated tradition of the cadets. Parades, Color Guard, Special Education support, and food drives are a few of the many and the cadets have volunteered 1479 hours this year alone. Hard working cadets with no suspensions and good grades went to Dayton, Ohio. Between sitting on the bus for many hours within two days and going to the National Museum of the Air Force, the cadets stated it was a great experience no one will forget. From the hours of 6-10pm on March 24, more than thirty cadets danced the floor away while enjoying a 6 foot subway sandwich. Physical training, though intense, has always been a favorite of the cadets. Practicing new techniques and testing out their strengths was the highlight of Fridays. Learning about the history of the flag, ways to manage stress, and the infrastructure were a few of the many lessons the Sergeant passed on. With the support of Major Eller, our dedication and appreciation for Sergeant Yedinak will live on, even without him being in the program next year.

"Sarge,
We will
miss you
very much."
Cassandra Williams
(12)

Period 6 uses different
strategies to work out
during PT.



Leadership getting ready to bring stockings to the Special ED room.

Sitting with...



Q: Being flight commander, what responsibilities do you take on?

A: I organize activities and try to expand the program as much as I can.

Q: What was the best memory in this year?

A: The Museum of Science & Industry and our Dayton, Ohio trip was a lot of fun and left my senior year with great memories!

Q: If you weren't graduating, would you rejoin again?

A: ABSOLUTELY!!!

Q: Words of wisdom?

A: What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.

Stephanie Proud



Snickers



Spontaneous



Zealous



Silent



Anarary



Funny



Mystery



Smiley-taco



Winter Fashion

Fashion Flashback to Vintage



Sarah Wieser (10) is the owner of these classic trendy shoes, Sperry's.



Lauren Meyers (12) is wearing a similar style of Sperry's in her winter ensemble.

This winter in the halls of Lowell High School, **vintage** styles seem to be making a comeback. Of course there are always styles we would never like to see return, but this year is different. Our students found fun ways to add a modern touch to **vintage** looks.

One of the comebacks seen was jean and leather jackets. Those trendy jackets doubled for warmth and style. Other cardigans were used as well to cover up and still stay warm. "Winter is my favorite season, because all I wear are boots!" says Kayla Cross(11).

A great way to wear Sperry's, a classic **vintage** looking shoe, is with khakis or jeans paired with a polo shirt, excellent for a casual day. They are an excellent alternative for sneakers because they are warmer. This winter's hair style's have a vintage touch as well. Many people were bringing back bangs and others had trendy braids such as the fishtail. But this season was all about the glitz and glamour as well, jeweled hair pins, a few strands of different colored hair, or pretty bow head bands were perfect to add style with ease!



Sarah Edwards (11) poses with her dressed up boyfriend Spenser Kersey (11).



Haley Slavis (12) and Bryan Thomas (11) show off their pre-prom matching outfits.

This or That

Columbia OR North Face
Scarves OR Necklaces
Boots OR Toms
Braid OR Merry Bun
Yoga Pants OR Sweat Pants



Seniors and Their Style

These Seniors are sporting Jean Jackets paired with Skinny Jeans.



Hannah Noah (12)



Lauren Deel (12)



Morgan Born (12)



KeriAnn Paris (12)



A group of Junior boys dressed up in tuxes to help promote prom.

Jordan Sturgill (10) and Nick Kopka (10) sport casual hoodies to stay warm in the cold.



“I hate jeans, give me some yoga pants!”

-Savannah Summers(12)



Ashley Nowak (11) pairs a jean jacket and a scarf to create a warm comfy look.



Winter Break

Roman Huseman (12), Kyle Eller (12), Mackenzie Nichols (11), Tyler Munjas (12), Brandon Bullitt (12), and Ethan Huseman (10) enjoy their winter festivities.



Snow? Who Needs It?

With hardly any **snow** this winter break, students were forced to get creative. Whether it was going to Chicago to do some Christmas shopping or simply getting together with friends, the students at LHS proved you don't need **snow** to have a successful winter break.

When asked about her winter break, Lynn Galliher (11) responded, "I spent a lot of time in the kitchen. Who doesn't love baking up some good Christmas cookies?" No matter what you're doing, it seems you certainly don't need **snow** to relax, rejuvenate, and look forward to the year ahead.

Evan Finley (12) said, "As much as I love playing in the **snow**, being with my friends and family was all I needed to have a good break." Many students felt the same way; as long as they were surrounded by the ones closest to them, it didn't seem to matter what they were doing. This ultimately prompts the question, **snow?** Who needs it?



Darby Misner (11) and Vickie Nichols (11) spend a day Christmas shopping in Chicago.



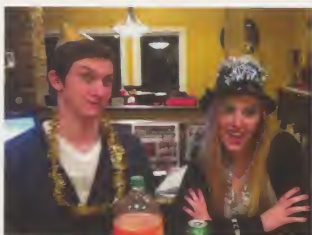


Mallory Leckrone (10), Rachel Megquier (10), Hannah Felder (11), Tess Perfetti (11), and Kaitlyn McClintic spend a fun evening whipping up Christmas cookies.



Rachel Megquier (10) and Kaitlyn McClintic (10) pose in front of "The Bean" at Millenium Park in Chicago.

Jordan Rowe (12) and Maddie Pyke (12) enjoy a New Year's Eve filled with good friends and memorable moments.



“I mostly enjoy sleeping-in over winter break; I pretty much go into hibernation for the whole two weeks.”

Tori Fuller (12)

Anna Sacco (12), Jessica Sharkey (12), Allyson Thompson (12), and Evan Finley (12) take part in Ugly Sweater Day, a fairly new tradition that takes place the last day before Winter Break begins.



FAVORITE FESTIVITIES

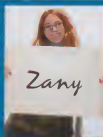
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Favorite. More Favorite. Most Favorite.

Catching up on sleep

Trips to Chicago

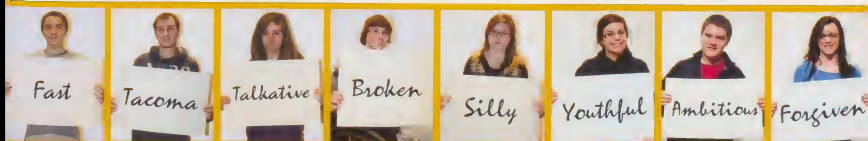
Being with friends



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Natural Seniors
State Applause
Helping Skills
Dedication Clubs
Strong RDP
Time Improvement
Star Team Skill Crazy Diana
Encourage Senior

Spring

Girls Track	142	164	Academic Teams
Boys Track	144	166	Spring Academics
Varsity Baseball	146	168	Spring Fashion
JV Baseball	148	170	Spring Theatre
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Girls Track



Melissa Bennett (11) and Tori Nida (11) hand off during the 4 X 100.

Farewell to our Seniors

The track program said goodbye to the most successful senior class in the history of Lowell High School. Since their freshman year they each made a significant contribution to the team.. This year as a team the girls scored the most amount of points in school history at their conference meet.

Alli Manchester (12) left her mark on the track program. She was the first person from any sport to make it to State all four years.

Though we say goodbye to our seniors, the future is still looking bright. Tori Nida (11) broke the school record in the 300 hurdles. Nicole Kizenia (10) took home the first place medal for shot put in conference, and placed 5th at regionals. Amy Fraikin (10) took home the first place medal in discus at the conference meet.

With many accomplishments made in a single season, they have become the building blocks for the seasons to come! Coach Coil said, "These seniors have created a legacy for our program. They have set the bar high for the underclassmen and have created memories we will all cherish."



Anna Sacco (12) jumps for a personal best against Hanover Central and Crown Point.



Vickie Miley (11) pushes herself in the "two mile" to set a new personal record.



Senior, Alyssa Kersey, gets off to a good start in the 200 meter dash.



MVP/Sprint MVP



Tori Nida (11)

L Club/Sprint MVP



Ali Manchester(12)

Distance MVP



Sarah Edwards(11)

Co-Most Improved



Nicole Kiszania (10)

Co-Most Improved



Ashley Ulanowski (12)

L-Club Leadership



Anna Sacco (12)

Sportsmanship Awards

Varsity

Melissa Bennett (11)

JV

Megan Litteral (11)

Freshman

Mollie Arnold (9)

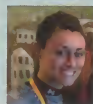


Setting a new Record

Junior, Tori Nida, set a new record for the 300 hurdles, with a time of 46.74 seconds.

“They call me CRASH!”

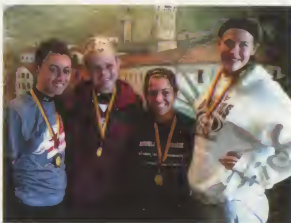
-Megan Litteral (11)



The track team decided to have a little fun at one of their practices. So they decided on an Inaugural funkadeic challenge. Here are your participants: Taylor Obermeyer (10) and her Ninja Turtle costume took home the win!



The team of Kara Manojlovich (11), Nicole Kiszania (10), and Amy Fraikin (10) win the shot put relay at Chesterton, with a combined score of 96 feet.



Winning the 4X400 relay at the Chesterton Relays, the team consisted of Tori Nida (11), Ashley Deboer (9), Ashley Ulanowski (12), and Anna Sacco (12).



Ashley Ulanowski (12) participates in pull vault at the home meet against Crown Point.



Fun-sized



Rompstomper



Nice



Scholar



Lemon



Smiley



Alternative



Van

Boys Track

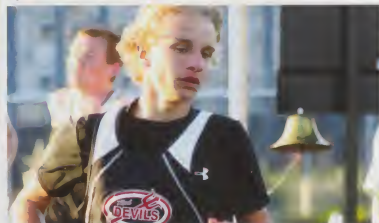
Austin Druckemiller (11) turns the corner of the 200 meter dash.



Garrett Corning (11) reflects on the event he just ran.



Kyle Eller (11) beats his own record down at state.



Ethan Huseman (9) paces himself while running the distance event.

Catching up with Kyle Eller

Q: What did you like most about track?

A: Nick Porras. He's a really nice guy!

Q: Did you have any special diet before competitions?

A: Waffles!

Q: What obstacles do you have to overcome during your meets?

A: The lack of oxygen going to my muscles.

L-Club Leadership
Most Valuable Player



Roman Huseman (12)

Sportsmanship



Jared Hopkins (11)



Taking it to State

The 2012 boys track team ended the season with many accomplishments. Memories were made; challenges were overcome, leaving a smile on the individual boys' faces as they qualified for **state**. Roman Huseman (12), Kyle Eller (11), Brendon Shanks (11), and a group of boys competing in the 4X400 represented at **state**. Sadly, Brendon Shanks (11) had to withdraw from his races due to his commitment to the army.

The sweat and sore muscles paid off at **state** when Huseman withdrew from his original event to save his energy for the 4X400. The 4X400 team did well. Eller broke the school record, and eventually broke his own personal best.

Austin Belt (9) takes off with the baton in the 4X100 meter relay.



Reese Mitsch (10) uses all his energy to jump hurdles at the conference in Highland.



Two of the team's distance runners, Steven Torrez (11) and Luke Rudzinski (10), put all of their energy into their meet.



Coach Kilmer, Mitchell Leckrone (11), Reese Mitsch (10), Wes Hardin (11), Roman Huseman (12), Brandon Bullitt (12), Kyle Eller (11), and Coach Racozy pose for a group picture while competing at state.



Cole Bushore (12), Jeff Potat (11), and Garrett Corning (11) start off strong in their distance event.



Varsity Baseball

What makes a
Great
baseball player?

“Attitude, Determination,
Leadership, and Effort.”

Jordan Hansen (10)

“Confidence, Dedication,
and motivation”

Logan Schiessle (10)



After a little huddle the team walks into the dug out at Hanover to get ready for their turn to bat.

“You need a short
memory to play baseball.”

Mike Hilbrich (11)

A Strong team

As a team full of seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen they had to work hard every day during practice in order to be a team that is **strong** and determined. Their hard work to build a **strong** team worked. The boys used their **strength** to win their first sectional game in 9 years. Austin Magley (12), Kyle Jeffries (12), Danny DeBoer (11), and Bryan Thomas (11) all worked very hard to get at least one home-run during the season. Even by working hard the boys still went nine and twenty at the end of the season. By working together they still got to have fun during practices. Baseball manager Jim Kennelly (12) shares the team's favorite moment, “They were having batting practice in the outfield when a fly ball was going straight towards Jake Fontanez (11). As he tries to run away from it, the ball hits him in the rear.” Having a **strong** and determined team the boys all agree that this was the most unforgettable season thanks to all the fun and memories they all got out it.



“My grandma inspires me to be the best baseball player I can be.”

Tyler Hamm (12)



Kyle Jeffries (12) intensely watches the infield to see where the ball will be hit.



Reed Holdman (9) walks back to his position after making an out on first.



Myles Siedentopf (9) concentrates as he throws a strike to end the inning.

L-Club Leadership
Most Valuable Player



Austin Magley (12)

Sportsmanship

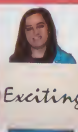
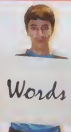


Mike Hilbrich (11)

Danny DeBoer (11) throws the third strike against Morton to get out of the second inning.



Bryan Thomas (11) makes it to third base and talks to Coach Wong about his hit and the game.



JV Baseball



Alec Shurman (10) throws the first pitch of the game against Wheeler.



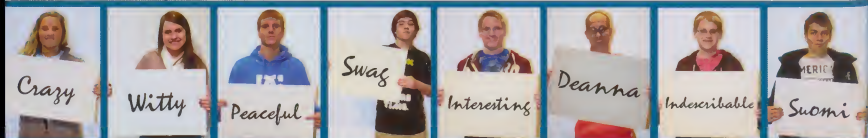
John Metzger (10) catches the ball that gets the player out and gives the team two outs.



Grant Weinmann (10) and Edward Simmons (10) are stopped by their coach to get helpful advice for the next inning.

We are a team

A team full of boys that have been together for years would know each others' skills. For this team that's what happened. Each boy has played with one another on some kind of baseball team so that they didn't have to work to understand each others' ways. They already knew them. These boys worked to have fun and tried to win. To them winning wasn't everything though. To them having fun was the most important. Kenny Hughes (10) says, "This team has made many memories together. We're like brothers." As a team the boys accomplished a 10 inning victory in a tournament against Hobart.





Chadd Arnold (9) throws the ball to get an untouched strike.



Kenny Hughes (10) intensely watches the batter to get ready to move when the ball is hit.



Eric Groebner (11) goes up to bat and moves Alec Shurman (10) to third base.



Edward Simmons (10) hits a fly ball to give him 2-3.

“Eye black is everything!”
Grant Weinmann (10)

Sportsmanship

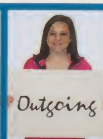
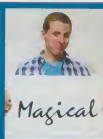


John Metzger (9)



Dan Garza (10) walks back to short-stop after assisting a play to third.

“You know what to do:
#championshipswag.”
Eric Groebner (11)



Varsity Softball



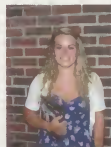
The girls stand in a line along the field after getting introduced before their Sectional game against Hammond Morton.

Sportsmanship



Leah Fenner (12)

L-Club Leadership



Ashley
Starcevic (12)



Morgan O'Hanlon (11) slides safe into home plate against Eastern while at the Twin Lakes Invite.



Alyssa Pokropinski (10) stretches to get the out against Portage.

Improvement On and Off the Field

The Lady Red Devils Girls' softball team's record of 11-18 does not show the success the team actually had. With coaches Pete Iussig and Jim Chancellor returning after a year off, the team had many obstacles to overcome. From perfecting fundamental skills to growing as a team through team bonding, the girls showed much **improvement** from last season both on and off the field. "Even our losses were fun" said coach Pete Iussig. In the girls' and the coaches' eyes, **improvement** alone can determine if a season is a success, no matter what their record is.

Numerous open gyms, practices, and intense conditioning workouts **improved** the girls' overall performance. They worked harder and looked sharper in both practice drills and games. "There's nothing "soft" about it [softball]," said captains Ashley Starcevic (12) and Leah Fenner (12), summing up the mental attitude that helped their team **improve**. They never softened up their efforts. The Lady Red Devils set a goal to **improve** from last year, and they fought all the way to the end to accomplish it.



Memorable Team Moments Of this Season...

- 1) Team Bonding
- 2) Leah taking Coach Iussig's Kit Kat.
- 3) When we found out coach's real name was Peter.



Coach Iussig talks strategy with Leah Fenner (12), Lexi Marshall (11) and Hunter Jusevitch (9).



Ashley Starceovich (12) drop steps back towards the fence to catch the fly ball down the left field line.



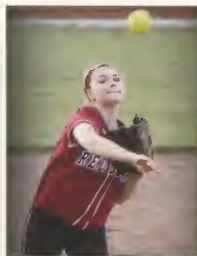
Lexi Marshall (11) makes sure that her mitt touches the ground so she is ready for a groundball to be hit to her.



Ali Charters (10) gets ready to swing at the pitch with perfect form.



Courtney Walter (11) fields the ball cleanly and shows off her arm by throwing the ball into second base.



Hunter Jusevitch (9) makes a great throw for the out at first base.



Kaitlyn Marshall (9) takes a glance at Coach Chancellor for the pitching signs.



Brandi Faverty (10) throws an outstanding pitch on her home field.

"All I want is all you got!"

Coach Chancellor



JV Softball

Dedication to Success

The JV softball team had a pair of familiar faces coaching again this year. Mike Austgen and Gary Fletcher returned to Lowell Softball after a year off. They brought with them one goal: to be the best team they could be, both physically and mentally. Despite the new coaching staff, the girls met their coaches' challenge in full stride. "One of our favorite sayings was, 'Let's get it going!'" said Mackenzie Connors (10). The girls definitely "got it going" through their hard work. Their **dedication**, attitude, and effort were unprecedented by any previous JV team and made them better athletes both on and off the field. They worked hard every game and played to their full potential. The girls' dedication to their team allowed them to have great chemistry and to function as a true team.

Coach Gary Fletcher said, "This is, by far, the best group of girls I have ever coached. Their **dedication** and attitude is second to none." The Lady Red Devils' **dedication** will make this season one to remember for both the coaches and the girls. They finished their season with a record of 15-8. The girls showed outstanding **dedication** and hard work to complement a great record.



Sam Pagnusat (9) drops down her shoulder to make the throw over to first base.



Mackenzie Connors (10) slides the bat down her hands and takes her slap motion.

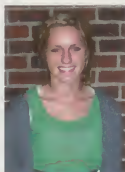


Francesca Rebesco (10) is down and ready for the play.

"I have a two-by-four in my back!"

Kaitlyn McClintic (10)

Sportsmanship



Sarah Opat (10)

Brooke Cummins (9) winds up and is in her pitching motion. Her fielders Courtney Espravnik (10) and Mackenzie Connors (10) are ready behind her.



The girls are all pumped up and smiling before they take on a tough opponent.



The infielders break away from their pep talk before the inning starts.



Courtney Espravnik (10) takes her lead-off and watches for the ball.



Bri Cherven (10) waits in a ready position for the ball to come to her.



Jessica Shope (9) looks at her pitching coach for the signals.

“She runs like a granny!”
Sam Pagnusat (9)



The Junior Varsity girls pose for a picture in the outfield before their game starts.

Top 3 Reasons to Join Softball...

- 1) You make new friends!
- 2) You learn a lot!
- 3) The coaches are great!



Girls Tennis

Renee Speers (12) waits on her toes for a return.



Allie Itczak (11) steps into the court as she hits a backhand to her opponent.



FUNNY AWARDS

Most likely to be accused of cheating in their own town's newspaper: *Kristina Stefoski (10)*

Most likely to be late for practice: *Lauren Prenley (12)*

Most likely to shield their emotions with sunglasses: *Kate Swisher (10)*

Best overall tan lines: *Chloe White (12)*

Most likely to go to Red Robin on their birthday: *Jessica Sharkey (12)*



Jessica Sharkey (12) aggressively hits a backhand during her match against Hanover.

Kristina Stefoski (10) warms up with teammates before a home match.



Varsity players pose for a picture at one of their last practices before sectionals.



Senior Chloe White (12) returns a forehand to her Hanover opponent during the last home match of the season.



Rebuilding the Skill

After graduating a large number of seniors, the girls tennis team was made up of mostly new and inexperienced girls. With many fresh faces joining the team, it was well known that each player would have to step up their game in order to meet the **skill** level of the previous year's team. Surrounding schools labeled the team the underdogs of the season because of the lack of experience. Starting out losing the first two matches against Lake Central and Munster was not promising, but encouraged the girls to transform into a strong team who could put up a fight. After ridding themselves of the negative energy from the first two losses, the team made a 360 degree turn and ended up winning the next five matches in a row. "It feels very rewarding to improve my match play by getting good first serves," Holly Opat (11) said. The success carried on to the first sectional round, where the girls won against Lake Central. The second round had the audience on the edge of their seats with extremely close matches, **skillfully** played by numbers one and two varsity doubles, with Lowell winning both. Even though the team suffered a 3-2 loss, the one doubles team of Jessica Sharkey (12) and Chloe White (12) were sent on to regionals, where they made it to the second round but lost against Highland. "The whole team has improved on their mental attitude to stay positive even when down in a match," Renee Speers (12) said. Contrary to the assumptions of surrounding schools, the girls tennis team made the best out of their inexperienced team with their determination and positive attitudes.

Lauren Pressley (12) runs back in order to return a shot while warming up.



Underclassmen line up and watch seniors receive gifts during senior night.



Kerriann Paris (12) closely watches the ball as she prepares to hit an overhead.



Sarah Edwards (11) starts off a match against Highland with a powerful serve.

"We went from being teammates to sisters."

Sarah Edwards (11)

Stephanie Scott (10) works on her swing during practice.

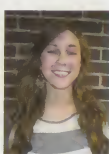


Co Most Valuable Player
L-Club Leadership
Sportsmanship



Chloe White (12)

Co Most Valuable Player



Jessica Sharkey (12)



Boys Golf



Reid Mitsch (11) is ready to compete at the Sandy Pines Golf Course during the Conference match.

Jared Cottingham (10) walks away satisfied with his performance.



Tim Mize (12) focuses to have a solid swing.



Most Valuable Player



Jared Cottingham (10)

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Tim Mize (12)



John Wietbrock (9) gets set to line up his putt.



Patrick Brady (11) putts against Crown Point.



Happy



Red



Different



Extroverted



Hi



Happy

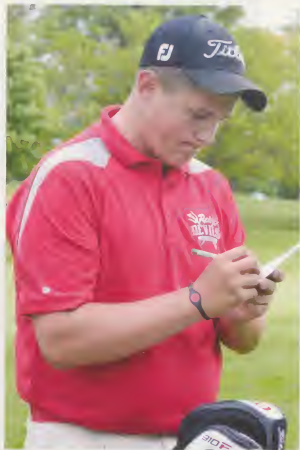


Dorkey



That's Hawk

One-on-One with



Senior Tim Mize

Q: What match was your favorite this year, and why?

A: Andrean, because we came together as a team and almost beat a state ranked team.

Q: What has golf taught you?

A: Golf has taught me leadership, honesty, motivation, and how to be a gentleman.

Q: Do you have any advice for underclassmen?

A: Listen to coach. He knows what he is talking about.



Jared Cottingham (10) stops for a picture with his parents.

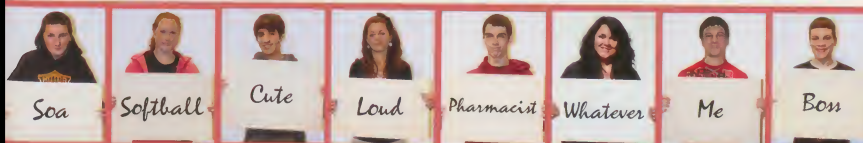


Manager, Jorden Zubay (10), hangs out in the golf cart to support her team.



Patrick Brady (11) is eying the ball, hoping to finish the hole.

Reid Mitsch (11) jokes around on the golf course.



Athletic Training



Nina Vasquez (9) Ashley Doran (10) Alex Suckow (10) and Nicole Dumbky (10) gather for a picture of their last day of spring training.

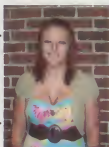


Ashley Doran (10) tapes a football player's ankle before weight lifting.



For Ashley Doran (10) and Alex Suckow (10), it's not "all work and no play." They know how to have fun, but still get serious when needed.

Sportsmanship

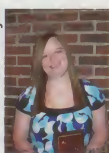


Alex Suckow(10)



Alex Suckow (10) tapes Annie Kennelly's (10) wrist before an intense practice. Prepping the players is one of the many duties of an athletic trainer.

Most Valuable Player



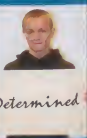
Ashley Doran(10)

“You're a freshman,
you do it!”

Ashley Doran (10)



Ashley Doran (10) rolls out Sarah Wieser (10) before track practice.



Diana!

Coming to a new school in the middle of the fall season had to be difficult, however trainer **Diana Miller** managed to do it and do it well. We asked **Diana** what it was like coming into fall season and she replied, "Coming into fall was hectic! The coaches didn't really know me so it was harder for them to trust me about what I was saying about the athletes." **Diana** also said "I love my job!" Her favorite part of being an athletic trainer is "being in the moment, and cheering on the kids even if they are sad, grumpy, and overwhelmed." She also said she likes having student athletic trainers. "They make life interesting and it's nice to teach them about my profession." "My favorite season would have to be fall because it's the most involved," Ashley Doran (10) said. "It's an honor that **Diana** picked me to be MVP of the whole year, even though I'm the only one who has been here all year." It's evident that these trainers love what they do.



Filling up cold water bottles for a team was just one of the many daily tasks expected of the trainers.

Favorite Moments...

Cassie Kroll (11) - Every Friday night just getting to be on the field with the football team and being so close to the game.

Nina Vasquez (9) - Everything! I can't just pick one!

Ashley Doran (10) - Getting sick at the girls basketball game and shoving coach Antcliff into the seat on the bus so I could go to the bathroom!



Ashley Doran (10) and Nicole Dumbky (10) goof off in the training room.



Foreign Exchange

Finland



Q: Why did you come here?

A: To learn English and to get to know a new culture.

Q: What's the best thing about Lowell?

A: There are many nice people in Lowell.

Eero Heljo

Q: What was your best experience?

A: This would be indoor soccer, the All-American Rejects concert, and the trip to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas that I went on.

Luna Djuric

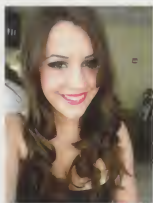
Q: Why did you come here?

I never liked staying in one place.

A: I like living an exciting life, making new friends everyday, and learning new languages.

Q: What was your best experience?

A: Making new friends and visiting Chicago and Six Flags.



Q: What's the best thing about Lowell?

A: People are kind and friendly.

Q: Who did you stay with?

A: I stayed with the Sheets family and I'm grateful to be a part of their family. They made my life here much easier. I love them!

Serbia

Juhani Järvensivu

Q: What was your best experience?

A: My best experience was wrestling.

Q: What's the best thing about Lowell?

A: I liked the wrestling team and all the nice people.

Q: Who did you stay with?

A: I stayed with the Ortells and I want to say thank you for giving me a home this year.

Q: What do you want to say to the people here?

A: Thanks to everyone that welcomed me to Lowell!



Finland



Italy

Q: Why did you come here?

A: Because the U.S. is a developed country that speaks English and because I wanted to experience a new culture.

Q: What was your best experience?

A: I liked the ski trip to Michigan with Eero. Austin and Mickey are the best.

Federico Tagliatti



Q: What was your best experience?

A: I liked Prom and the trip to Chicago with my host family.

Q: What's the best thing about Lowell?

A: I like the people and that it's so close to Chicago.

Melanie Ferrari

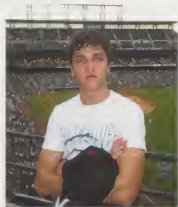


France

Q: Who did you stay with?

A: The Schoons were my host family and I want to thank them for saving me. They made everything here so amazing. I love you guys.

Brazil



Q: Why did you come here?

A: To learn English and to get to know the diversity and culture of the U.S.

Q: What's the best thing about Lowell?

A: The people are cool and the school is nice.

Q: What was your best experience?

A: I liked indoor soccer, hanging out with friends that I met, a nice girl, and my trips to New York and the Grand Canyon.

Marcos Palhares

Q: Why did you come here?

A: To improve my English and to get to know a new culture. It was a dream come true.

Q: What's the best thing about Lowell?

A: The people are friendly and it's close to Chicago.

Lucie Arnold



Q: What was your best experience?

A: I will certainly remember the trip that I took to California and the East Coast. I also will remember Prom and all the people that I met here.

Switzerland



Clubs

French Club



Spell Bowl



L- Club



Show Choir



Environmental Club



Improv Club



Auto Club



Dungeons and Dragons



FFA



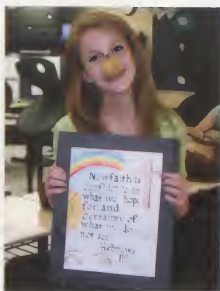
Peer Mentors



Academic Teams



The whole FCA gang, after failing to attempt a serious picture, decides to aim for a more comical pose.



Elizabeth Stanton (10) holds up her friend's biblical art project from FCA.



Jack White (10) and Riley Newsome (10) aren't only co-leaders of FCA, but they're also great friends.

Riley & Jack

Q & A

1. Why did you start FCA?

R: We just went on this youth convention and a little card told us to start a prayer group, so we did.

2. What is your favorite part of FCA?

J: Definitely speaking and debating with the group.

“What are you doing to show that your heart belongs to God, and not to this world?”

Hannah Knoblich (10)

Brittany Blankenburg (11) and Katherine Mooney (11) hang out in their usual spot before the FCA meeting starts.



Academic Teams

21st Century Skills

Presenting, collaborating, and the use of technology are all 21st century **skills** necessary to participate in Academic Teams. Between Spell Bowl, Super Bowl, and Academic Decathlon kids are provided with a wide range of opportunity.

Innovation and media use are two 21st Century **skills** emphasized in all three teams. The "seasons" for these three teams overlaps, so no matter what time of year, you'll find an academic team practicing or preparing in Coach Joseph Gianotti's room.

There were quite a few "stand-out achievements." This year the Spell Bowl Team won the North Judson Invite. Best spellers were Ariana Ramon (9), and Ana Villaria (11).

The Academic Decathlon Team studied Imperialism, winning the KV Invite, the KV Regional, and placed third at the State Competition. High scorers were Dakota Pociask (10), and Bailey Bunce (10). At the state competition, Katie Wilkey (11) was chosen to present her speech in the speech showcase.

This year the Spell Bowl Team studied the American Revolution. Made up of six different teams, the two best teams were the Fine Arts and English teams. Stand out for the teams were Nick Porras (11), Becca Greaney(11), Baylee Bunce (10), and Casey Zaberdac (12).

After a long day at the state competition, the Academic Decathlon team has a few laughs.



Patrick Hetler (9) enjoys his trip to Dairy Queen after one of the spell bowl meets!



Ariana Ramon (9), keeps score at the competition.



The math team gets some extra studying in before one of their super bowl meets.



Wizard



Polak



Gaming-Enthusiast



Exotic



Hot



Mexico



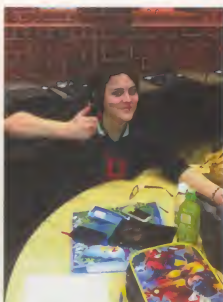
Reckless



Stubborn



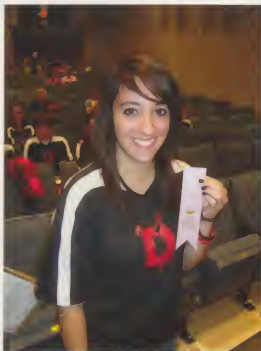
Decathlon team members gather for a Christmas party at Mikayla Blievernicht's (11) house.



Sarah Ward (12) gives the Merrillville competition a thumbs up!



The science team, consisting of Sarah Ward (12), Nick Porras (11), and Kyle Eller (11) compete during the Merrillville competition.



Ana Villarreal (11) shows off the ribbon she won after a Spell Bowl Competition.



Eric Brady (9) waits enthusiastically before a Spell Bowl Competition.

Words That Describe
Academic
Teams
Fun Busy Exciting
FOOD! Gianotti
Competition



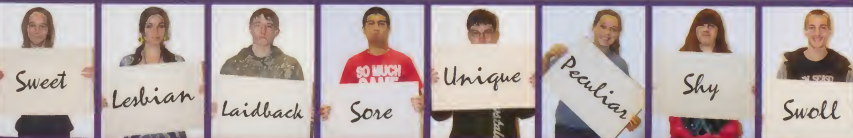
The Super Bowl team gathers together for some quality fun as they celebrate with a pizza party.



The Super Bowl team members get ready together before the Merrillville regional competition.

“I loved the fun practices spent with friends!”

Rilee Witt (10)



Spring Academics



Brittany Ashe (12) practices brushing teeth during her health careers class on Jamie Stinnett (12).



Emily Lueder (12), Alexa Campbell (12) and Rachel Griffin (12) start their review for their tough Pre-cal final.

“Is it summer yet?”

Dani Mason (12)

Some Favorite Teachers

- 1] Mrs. Magley
- 2] Mrs. Mikulich
- 3] Mr. Charpentier
- 4] Mrs. Skurka
- 5] Mr. Deal



The Auto Shop throws an auto show for its annual fundraiser.

Guillermo Barrientes (12), Jordan Nichols (12), and Liz Moore (12) work on their Econ final.



Where did the time go?

As the school year comes to a close, the halls get louder and chatter of summer plans flutter the classroom air. Finals are around the corner and every student is eager for the final bell to sound. Sleep is being lost, and study time grows with hopes that GPAs might still have a chance to increase. Summer may be just around the corner, but it is hard to get excited when finals consume the mind. The final bell comes closer, as the teachers try to cram in another quick lesson in the last minutes of the day. Finally, the last bell rings and the sound of freedom and excitement fills the hall. Seniors remember all the time they spent in the halls and say their bittersweet goodbyes, while underclassmen look forward to a well deserved break from the hustle and bustle of LHS life.

"I couldn't wait for senior year to be over; at first, it seemed like forever, but after xmas break, it starting flying past me."

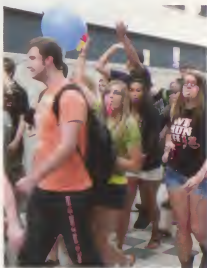
Breanna Greer (12)

This year's Health Careers class goofs around in their masks and gowns.

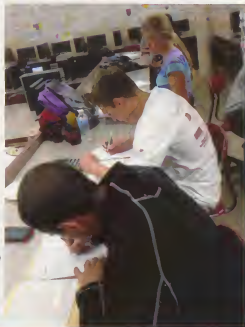


Johnny Goodrich (12), Mike Greer (12), Tyler Thomas (12), Cody Robinson (12), Connor Wood (12) and Tyler Hamm (12) get ready to fight it out in the Shakespeare Feast.

Jordan Nichols (12) Vanessa Sams (12), Alexa Del Rio (12), and Kaitlin Wells (12) get pumped-up in the senior march.



Brandon Bullitt (12), Tyler Munjas (12) and Alison Johnson (12) work hard on their Accounting II final.



Tall



Unpredictable



Notorious



Fun



Funny



Happy



Intellectual



Happy

Spring Fashion

A few senior friends show off their school spirit and creativity skills by designing original neon T-shirts for the last day of school.



Keeping it Natural

Floral prints. Crocheted cardigans. Oversized tops. Bold Colors. Braids. With a barely-there winter, students were quick to put their uggs, scarves, and sweaters back in the closet. Drifting away from pin straight hair, fitted skirts, and sky-high poofs, Spring fashion was all about keeping it **natural**. Countless combinations of flowy dresses and braids could be seen in every hallway. It is safe to say that the stylish students of LHS were ready for the days of summer with their relaxed and **natural** get-ups.

"It's easy, convenient, and real" Anna Sacco (12) said of the spring fashion trends. This couldn't have been more true. Rather than transition into fitted clothes when the sun starts beating down, students created their own takes on boho-beach trends. Effortless-looking styles were a "must" in spring fashion. Whether students kept their styles chic and simple or glammed it up, everyone kept it **natural**.



Ashley Starceвич (12) wears a flowy shear top with distressed jeans for a cool summer look.



Jordyn Reed (12) pulls off a floral and leopard print combo for a feminine-edgy style.





Hannah Tucker (11) and Natalie Zeiter (11) both top off their outfits with a long strapped over the shoulder purse; a trend that seems to complete any outfit effortlessly.



Jordan Rowe (12), Casey Zaberda (12), and Nick Schoon (12) go bold with color with classic v-necks and a pair of high waisted shorts and a loose knotted top.

LHS puts a twist on the Classic Braid

Fishtail



Stephanie DeSimini (12)
Rebecca Greaney (11)

Classy



Alejandra Garcia (12)

“I think the natural look is a style that everyone can perfect and pull off.”
Alyssa Kersey (12)



Spring Theatre



The entire cast and crew gather moments before a performance to participate in an exciting series of traditions.

Crazy For Theatre

CRAZY FOR YOU is the story of Bobby Child, a well-to-do 1930's playboy, who's dream in life is to dance. And despite the serious efforts of his mother and soon-to-be-ex-fiancee, Bobby achieves his dream! Memorable Gershwin tunes include I Can't Be Bothered Now, Bidin' My Time, I Got Rhythm, Naughty Baby, They Can't Take That Away from Me, But Not for Me, Nice Work if You Can Get It, Embraceable You and Someone to Watch Over Me. It's a high energy comedy which includes mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers and classic Gershwin music.



Ashlyn Backe (9) is so excited to be doing hair and make up.

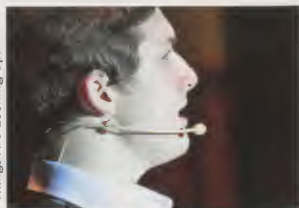


Luna Djuric (12) and Morgan Farrell (12) kiss "the wall" backstage.

"I'm very proud of this cast!"

Mrs. Rickaby

With passion in his face, lead role Jordan Rowe (12) sings "Things Are Looking Up."





Suavely, Matt Fletcher (12) gets into character.



With concentration, Jacob Cook (11) darkens his 'stache.



Some of the "Follies Girls" light up the stage with their big smiles and killer moves.



Casey Zaberdac (12) and Evan Finley (12) show off their newly matching blonde curls.

“Theatre is about building a family and creating something endlessly greater than the sum of its parts.”

Mallory Slavis (11)

3 Reasons We're Crazy For Theatre

One



“The people.”

-Lynn Galliher (11)

Two



“The fun.”

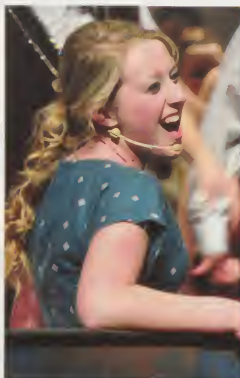
-Jacob Lang (9)

Three



“The stage.”

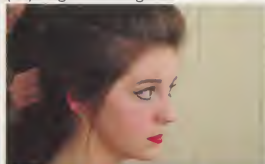
-Jordan Rowe (12)



Maddie Pyke (12) steals the stage with her bright smile and booming vocals.



In his snazzy costume, Johnny Goodrich (12) laughs backstage.



Cambria Wynsma (11) gets prepared for her role on stage.



Spring Choir

“YOLO!”

Shelby Brown (11)

Mikaela Goldsmith (10) and Jeannine Linkskins (12) star in a student-written play that followed along with each song during the concert, creating an even more magical experience.



Charmingly, Jacob Lang (9) and Evan Finely (12) interact during a fun duet.



Hailey Langmeyer (10) shines during a solo.



Intensely, Jordan Rowe (12) sings a lively tune.



With grace and precision, Mrs. Rickaby directs the Débutante choir through some tough harmonies.

“Choir to me is learning to grow close as if we're a family. We always encourage, help each other, and keep strongly dedicated in what we do to become a stronger family!”
Payton Kinnaird (12)



Spring Band



“Band
+
Lowell
= RDP”

Taylor Obermeyer (10)

A group of seniors crowded together to take one of their last pictures while on their senior trip in Chicago by the bean.



Mentoring Program

Words that describe the mentors....

Helping

Fun

Caring

Entertaining

Kemps

Swanny



Morgan O'Hanlon (11) and Sam Hammer (10) take a picture with Justin in Mrs Bilski's class.

Annie Kennelly (10), Ashley Hudgens (10), Jordan Zubay (10) and Frankie Rebesco (10) pose for a picture before getting on the bus to go home.



Kendall Wilkes (10) tries to guess a question correct to win her team points.

Josh Bottos (10) and Nicole Kizenia (10) goof off in SRT on the last day of school.



Blue



Happy



Quarterback



Happy



Mama



Athletic



Intuitive



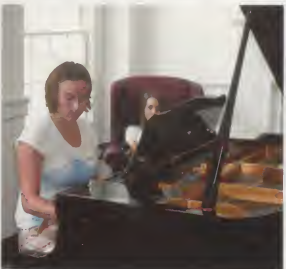
Carpe Diem

A Helping Hand

There is one word that sticks out the most that describes the mentors of 2011-2012 and that is “helping”. The mentors participated in many activities. Some of these included running groups with the freshmen, going to Depauw over the summer and completing a camp, working with Mrs. Bilski’s special education students, and even helping out in the community. The mentor program is a program that helps freshmen transition into high school. At the end of the year, the mentors went to the middle school and got to know the incoming freshmen. Helping the freshmen can be challenging because not everyone wants to do group activities, but the overall percent of them enjoy the help and advice that the mentors gave. Mr. Swanson and Mrs. Thomas are the mentor teachers and they are always helping and teaching the mentors new ways to communicate with the freshmen. In the end, mentors are always going to be around to help.



The mentors take a break at summer camp and play a game of Kemps together.



Stopping to take a break during a summer training session, the girls enjoy the piano.



Some of the mentors gather in Mr. Swanson's room on the last day of school.



Team building games help prepare the mentors for getting the freshmen interested and involved.



Processing the strategies and information helps allow it to “sink in.”



Lowell's Got Talent



The judges awarded Kyle Eller (11) and Marjan Sitnikoski (11) for their upbeat techno dance.



The contestants stood up on stage and applauded as the winners were announced by the judges.

The Year of Applause

Kelsie Roadruck (12) wows the crowd by doing a speed painting to the song "Where is the Love" by the Black Eyed Peas.



Sudden Suspension was presented with a Viewers' Choice award for their skilled performance.

Energy vibrates through the auditorium as audience members settle down in their seats. The lights dim as the first vocal singer, Amanda Wells (11), takes the stage. Soon, everyone becomes mesmerized as we find out just how much talent Lowell really has. "Being up on that stage was amazing. The cheers and yells we heard felt great. I loved being up there!" said dancer Jasmine Martin (11). The audience helped to set the mood by giving an **applause** that no one could forget. As the show continued on through vocalists, dancers and even some speed painting, eventually it was time to announce the winners. Each category was awarded a Judges' Choice and a Viewers' Choice. "It was a nice thought to have two winners in each category," Abby Davis (10) said. The **applause** grew louder and voting wrapped up as Hailey Langmeyer (11), Sam Ingebretsen (9), Marjan Sitnikoski (11), Kyle Eller (11), Kayla Sheets (11), K.J. Fallon (11), Keith Desimini (9), Jared Grzych (9), Ryan Ashe (10), Mark Bradford (12), Zach Cooper (12), Kolbe Albin (9), Tommy Moore (12), Austen Backe (11), and Teddy Feddelele (11) all walked away with a Lowell's Got Talent award.



Spring Break



Lauren Deel (12) and Moriah Davis (12) take a picture at the Bean in Chicago!

Best friends spend the day at Six Flags and take some time to pose with Daffy Duck!



Ashley Pastuszak (12) soaks up some sun in the Gulf of Mexico.



Hannah Tucker (11) and Kaitlyn Henson (11) have a blast at the Wisconsin Dells for a volleyball tournament.

Our Destination Spots

NEW YORK CITY

-Lucie Arnold (12)

CALIFORNIA

-Hannah Felder (11)

WISCONSIN DELLS

-Kaitlyn Henson (11)

MEXICO

-Katie Wilkey (11)

FLORIDA

-Annie Kennelly (10)

-Anna Wildman (10)

-Ashley Pastuszak (12)



Multi-tasker



Blue



Gimpy



Drummer



Crazy



Unique



Glorious



Erudite

Prom

Junior couples, Mitchell Leckrone & Shelby Downen, Austin Druckemiller & Cambria Wynsma, Drew Roadruck & Tess Perfetti, and Wes Hardin & Hunter Lindzy all pose for a group picture before leaving for prom.



A group of seniors gather together before the departing for the night.

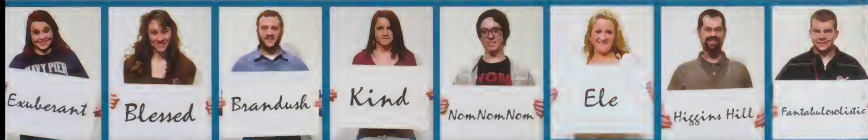


Kurtis Ortell (12), Lauren Pressley (12), George Rugis (12), and Payton Morrone (11) eagerly wait for the night to begin.

Once upon a STAR...

Tick tock, tick tock, tick...the time finally arrived. At 6:15, the doors opened at St. Elijah's Serbian Hall on the date of May 19th. This was an evening every junior and senior would remember forever. With the theme of "Among the **Stars**" almost 400 students bought tickets at either \$75.00 for a couple of \$40.00 for a single, then took the many hours to get ready and see what "Mik" had in-store for the evening. "We found floaty-star candles!" Mik told her junior council. Dinner was served and everyone stuffed themselves with delicious chicken and pasta before the D.J. started the music. The thought that went through every seniors' mind at that moment was to make the most of their last dance in high school. The dance floor was crowded, but it didn't stop anyone from dancing

in between the tables or on the D.J. stand. Finally, it came time for the court to come out and for the crowning of royalty (Queen: Taylor Fortner-12, King: Alex Streeter- 12, Princess: Sarah Edwards-11, and Prince: Spencer Kersey-11). From that moment on, every senior was too scared to blink because if they did, it was all over. Towards the end of the evening, the D.J. had the seniors gather in a circle and recognize teams, groups, and clubs. Shortly after that, the lights came up and everyone knew the night was over on the dance floor. The chaperones were by the doors handing out goodies. The guys got picture frames and the ladies got photo books. The magical night officially came to an end, but everyone involved in making the evening so special felt a sense of accomplishment. It truly was a starry night!



A large group of excited couples eagerly look forward to the night ahead by capturing a moment they will never forget.



Kerriann Paris (12), Chloe White (12), Roman Huseman (12), and Jessica Sharkey (12) take a moment to pose for the camera.



Taylor Fortner (12), Alex Streeter (12), Sarah Edwards (11), and Spenser Kersey (11) stand with pride after being voted as the Queen, King, Princess, and Prince!



Marie Ingebretsen (11), Brianne Manley (11), and Rebecca Greaney (11) sit side by side awaiting the music.

“Dance as if no one is watching!”
Alison Goodman (12)



Alicia Ogrodowski (11), Nicki Ward (11), and Lerin Manis (11) wait patiently for dinner to be served.

“Sorry for Party Rockin!”
Maddie Pyke (12)

This or That?

Long Dress

OR

Short Dress

Pastels

OR

Bright Colors

Updo

OR

Downdo

Slow dance

OR

Upbeat Dance

Group

OR

Date

Time

OR

Nice Car



Graduation

Singing together for the last time, senior choir members open the ceremony with the song "Forever Young."



We Were Here

As the school band began to play the graduation march and all the graduates filed into their seats, there was definitely a feeling of sadness and relief in the air. As the graduates looked around, they began to realize they might never cross paths with many of their fellow classmates again. However, this didn't take away from the fact that we were **here** and had come this far together. It seems that no matter where our lives take us, we will forever share one thing in common; we're graduates of Lowell High and we shared the experience together.

The Class of 2012 seemed to set themselves apart from previous classes. No matter what clique you were in or what group of friends you had, everyone seemed to support one another and make unforgettable memories along the way. Sarah Jonas (12) said it best, "These past four years have been some of the best years of my life."

As overwhelming as high school can be, most seniors wouldn't trade their high school years for anything. As we embark on the next chapter of our lives and begin new adventures, our memories of high school will never fade. Congratulations Class of 2012 and always remember, we were **here**.

Renee Speers (12) and Jen Pritchard (12) capture such a memorable moment.



Sarah Starceвич (12), Ashley Starceвич (12), and Katie Gasparovic (12) are all smiles.





Dr. Adrian Richie begins the evening by welcoming all of the proud guests.

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Salutatorian,
Jessica Sharkey



Emily Lueder



Tyler Munjas



Sarah Jonas



Brandon Bullitt



Alyson Thompson



Chloe White



Austin Magley



Maddie Pyke (12), Kemper Druckemiller (12), Kaitlin Wells (12), and Bryan Garney (12) embrace the evening with excitement.



Alexa Campbell (12), Stephanie DeSimini (12), and Morgan Campbell (12) are overjoyed upon graduating.

Chloe White (12) and Keriann Paris (12) seem nothing but thrilled to have graduated.

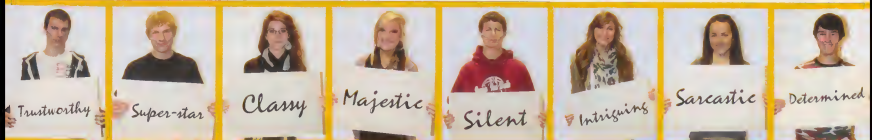


Judging by their smiles, Katie Gasparovic (12) and Kelsey Roadruck (12) couldn't be happier.



Cole Bushore (12) and Jason Wietbrock (12) share the same amount of relief that they've finally graduated.

“Let's go show the world what 2012 is all about!”
Alyson Thompson (12)



Seniors...Then & Now

Jacob Hixon



We are so proud of
you.
Good Luck, Jacob!
Love,
Mom and Jeff



Jordyn Reed

Matthew Durham



Matt, you have brought joy to our
lives since the day you were born and
not a day goes by that we aren't
amazed at the Kind, Thoughtful and
Caring man that you have become.
We are proud to call ourselves your
parents.

Love,
Mom & Dad



You have amazed us from the very
first day! We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Will Peterson



You have loved farming from the start & we will always love you! We wish you many blessings in the years to come.

Congratulations! You have made us so proud!

Love,
Mom & Dad, Grandma
Bonnie, Grandma &
Grandpa Pete



Ashley Starcevich



Ash,

We are so proud of your accomplishments. May all of your dreams come true.

Love,

Dad, Mom, & Josh

Renee Franker

We are so proud of you!

The sky is the limit,
reach for the stars.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Becca
=)

"Put your thing down"



Devin Burge



Congratulations!

Time has gone by too fast, but you will always be our little girl.

Love,

Mom and Dad

Lindsay Cole

We are so proud of you
and all of your
accomplishments.

Always be proud of
yourself and follow your
dreams. You have
grown into a beautiful,
amazing young woman
and we couldn't be
prouder.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, and Laurin



Brandon Bullitt



Congratulations! There are no words that can express how proud we are of you and everything that you have become. Keep up the hard work and determination and your possibilities will be endless.

We wish you the best of luck and love you always,
Mom, Dad, and Jessica



Ashley Pastuszak



That June morning you were born was the greatest birthday present I will ever receive.

We love you and are so very proud of you.

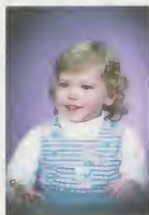
Dad, Mom, Gary, and Benji

Tyler Harber



Tyler,
We are so proud of you!
Congratulations!
Love you,
Dad and Mom

Jen Pritchard



Jen,

From the day you were born, we saw that sparkle in your eye that can light up the room. We are so very proud of the kind, generous, thoughtful young woman you have become. Keep sparkling into your future!

Love,

Mom and Dad



Alex Heninger



Alex,

Whenever we look at you, our hearts fill with pride. You are our son and we are proud to have you at our side. You have turned out to be the most perfect son. When we smile each day, you are the reason. You are our first born, our legacy. Our wish for you, is be all you can be.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Kemper Druckemiller

Kemper,

Congratulations! You should be so proud of your accomplishments! As you begin life's next exciting chapter, there are several things we hope you will remember...

Remember to always love who you are and believe in yourself because there's no limit to what you can do.

Remember to dream big, take chances, and never compromise on the things that matter most to you.

Remember to always make time for yourself, be happy, laugh daily, and enjoy life's adventures!

Most importantly, remember whatever you do and wherever life takes you, your family will ALWAYS love you and be here for you. You have grown up to be such a handsome, determined, and amazing young man. We are so incredibly proud of you and your achievements!

We love you to the moon and back,
Mom, Dad, Austin, Caleb, and Gavin



Anna Sacco



As we've watched you grow into the young woman you've become, we are so very proud of the many accomplishments you have achieved! Life is a journey...have a great ride!

Congratulations Anna!
Love, Dad, Mom, and Mitch





Meghan Garcia

Congratulations to our Meghan! May all of your dreams and wishes continue.
Good luck at Ball State!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Zachary



Alison Johnson

You have accomplished so much in these four years of high school. We are very proud of all you have done and can't wait to see what your future brings. Good luck at Purdue. We know you can do it!

We love you, Turtle!
Mom, Dad, Zeb,
Grammy Pie & Poppa



Austin Magley



We are so proud of the young man you have become!
Congratulations!

Love you,
Mom, Dad, and Whitney

Stephanie & Andrea Proud



We are so proud of both of you! We love you!
Mom and Dad

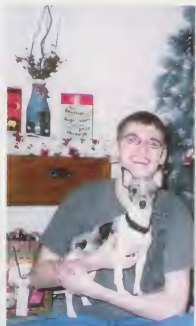


Tyler Logsdon

Tyler,

Congratulations!! You're a wonderful son and brother. You'll always have a special place in my heart. Wishing you great success in your future. I know your father would be very proud of you, I know I am!!

All our love forever,
Mom, Justin, and Marshall



Emily Lueder

You have grown into such a beautiful woman. We know you will be a "shining star" in the universe! May all your dreams come true!

Love always,
Dad, Mom, and Adam



Congratulations Kyle!

We are so proud of you. Reach high for your dreams. Know we'll always be here.

Love,
Mom, Memom & Pa
family, and Lieue

Kyle Erb



Sarah Jonas

Congratulations Sarah!

We are so very proud of you! Wherever life may take you, we wish you happiness and love! Please don't forget that we are always here for you and love you very much!!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Hannah



Kelsey,

You have made us smile since the day you were born. You have always been such a wonderful daughter and sister. Words cannot describe how proud we are of you and the woman you have become. We know that you will accomplish every goal you set for yourself. Remember "If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together...there is something you must remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart...I'll always be with you." We love you to infinity and beyond!

Love, Dad, Mom, Mitch, and Paige

Kelsey Roadruck



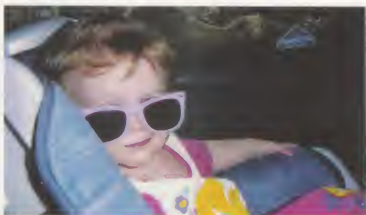
Kayla Felton



Sis, you dream big dreams little girl and we can't wait to see what comes next. Like you always say, "Go big or go home." We love you and we are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad, Jim & Connor

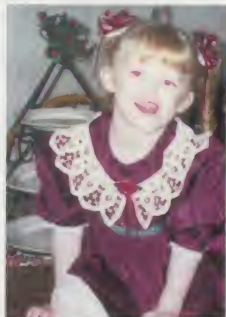
Jessica Brandmayr



Jessica,

Where did the last eighteen years go? In a snap of a finger you went from my little princess to a mature young lady. I'm very proud of you. Remember I will always be here for you. In my eyes, you're always going to be my little princess.

Love,
Dad



Olivia DeHaan



"Be a best friend, tell the truth, and overuse the words 'I love you' Go to work, do your best, don't out smart your common sense. Never let your praying knees get lazy... We love you like crazy!"



Love,
Mom, Dad, Samiee, Ben,
Miranda, Aaron, Rebekah,
Logan, Jack, and Emma.
Auntie Barb, Uncle Ron, Ava,
Audrey, and Owen. Grandma
and Grandpa De Haan



Carlee Newsome



From this beautiful baby girl, to the beautiful young woman you are today. Wow, the time has just flown by! You have worked hard for your success and achievements and you have a lot to be proud of. As you move onto a new chapter in your life. Remember that we love you and are so very proud of you.

Love,

Dad and Riley

Katie Gasparovic



Katie,

You have worked so hard and we are very proud of you. From our little baby girl to a beautiful young woman - your spirit and love are a blessing. Love and happiness to you and all you do!

Lots of love always,
Dad, Mom, and Valarie

Sarah Fraikin



Sarah,

You are a wonderful daughter! Our wish for you is to always follow your dreams. We will always be here for you to support you. We are and will always be proud of you. May God bless you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Amy

Erick Tiemens



Erick,
You have grown from a beautiful baby boy to a handsome, confident and yes, "AWESOME" young man. We are so proud of the man you have become. Pursue your dreams, you can reach them. Believe in yourself, believe in God and all things are possible. We love you and are always here for you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Sarah Starcevich



You did it! We are so proud of you.
You can do anything you set your mind to. Remember, nothing is impossible.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Zach, Matt, and Aiden

Allyson Thompson



Congratulations sister, you did it! We are so proud of you, especially of the excellent choices you've made! You have been a true joy to raise and we love you very much! Best of luck at Purdue. We'll miss you. God Bless,
Dad, Mom, Dan, Brad, & Chris

Jake Hayden



It seems like yesterday you were this little. Now you are all grown up!

Love,
Dad and Mom

Grace Coluzzi



Kyle Jefferies



Josh Harbinson



Congratulations Josh on a job well done!

Love,
Madre, Dad, and Jeni

Felicia Tedesso



Congratulations Felicia! You were once such a cute little baby and now you are one beautiful young lady on a mission. We are so proud of you. Follow your heart and dreams and anything can happen.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Christopher Glaze



Congratulations,
Christopher!
You were just a baby and
now you are graduating and
leaving for college.
Love you always!



Ashley & Brittany Ulanowski



As a pair, you two are great...
As individuals, you are exceptional.
We are so proud of you both!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Tyler Munjas



Congratulations Tyler! We are
so proud of all you have
accomplished. We know you
will be successful wherever
you go and whatever you do!
Love,
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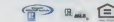


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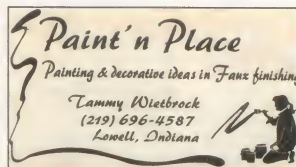
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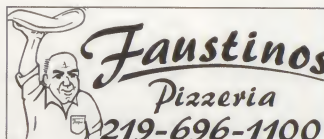
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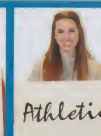
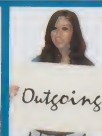
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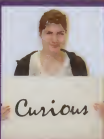
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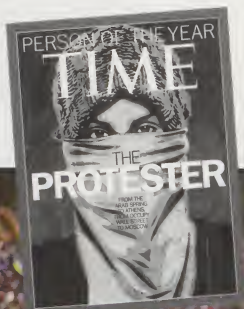
WORLD YEARBOOK



2011 thru 2012...



#TOPHASHTAGS #EGYPT / #THREWORDSTOLIVEBY / #SUPERBOWL / #JAPAN / #IDONTUNDERSTANDWHY



WAVES OF CHANGE Former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who had been in power since 1981, was ousted in 2011.

He was later put on trial for allegedly ordering the killing of protesters. **EGYPTIAN** PROTESTERS Waving their national flag and shouting slogans, thousands crowded Cairo's Tahrir Square to demand political change as anger grows with the military rulers over the slow pace of reform. **TOGETHER IN** PROTEST The flags of Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, Egypt and Libya were painted on participants' palms during a demonstration in Yemen.



ARAB SPRING

PROTESTS ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST brought changes to Arab nations large and small. Uprisings began in Tunisia, where, as 2010 ended, a young vendor protesting the confiscation of his wares set himself on fire. Discontent spread to Egypt and Yemen as 2011 began, and in the months that followed those governments and leaders from Bahrain, Libya and Syria were under siege. By year's end, the presidents of Tunisia, Egypt and Yemen had stepped down and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi and his son Mutassim had been assassinated. Tunisians went to the polls in October 2011 and the Egyptian election took place just a month later. The protests continued despite high costs: thousands of lives (5,000 in Syria alone) and billions of dollars were lost.



GLOBAL UNREST

PROTESTERS SHOW ANGER & DISSATISFACTION

IN OTHER NEWS...



NOBEL LAUREATES

Tawakkol Karman (Yemen), Leymah Gbowee and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Liberia) were recognized with a Nobel Peace Prize for their work in women's rights.



S&P DOWNGRADE

The United States lost its AAA credit rating for the first time since 1917, when Standard & Poor's assessed prolonged financial controversies as "contentious."

SINKING SHIP

When Carnival's Italian-built Costa Concordia ran aground and tipped off the coast of western Italy after hitting underwater rocks in January, 32 lives were lost.

#TOPSTORIES BANK OF AMERICA DROPS DEBIT CARD FEES / GOLD HITS ALL-TIME HIGH - \$1,920 AN OUNCE IN AUG

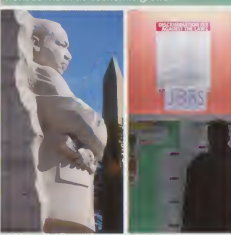
IN THE HEADLINES



10 YEARS LATER Commemoration for the anniversary of victims involved in the attacks on the World Trade Center, which the 9/11 Memorial and Museum at the former WTC complex opened to the public the following day. The memorial's reflecting pools, set within the footprints of the original twin towers, are surrounded by nearly 2,000 victims.

MEDAL OF HONOR Marine Corporal Lurika Meyer was awarded the Medal of Honor after saving 36 lives in Afghanistan. **MORTGAGE RATES AND FORECLOSURES** Housing prices continued to fall as more than a quarter of all American homeowners owed more on their mortgages than their homes were worth. Despite interest rates as low as 4%, home ownership continued to decline. **OCCUPY WALL STREET** After gaining the world's attention with an online presence in addition to gathering in NYC's financial district, protesters disturbed by growing income inequality and wealth distribution in the United States between the wealthiest 1% and the rest of the population replicated occupations from coast to coast.

POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN The Budget Control Act of 2011 was passed on August 2, bringing a conclusion to the debt-ceiling crisis, which had threatened to lead the United States into sovereign default. **STONE OF HOPE** The January 2011 dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington, DC honors Dr King's contributions and vision for all to enjoy a life of freedom, opportunity and peace. **UNEMPLOYMENT** While January 2012 data showed a national unemployment rate of just 8.3% — the lowest in more than three years, economists warned that the encouraging report might be the result of factors like discouraged job seekers giving up the hunt for work as much as economic growth.



OSLO ATTACKS People laid flowers in memory of the victims of a pair of attacks in Norway that claimed 76 lives on July 22. A shooting spree at a youth summer camp occurred just two hours after a car bomb explosion near the Prime Minister's office. **EUROPEAN DEBT CRISIS** Financial woes abroad continued as investors feared government debt levels precluded some countries' abilities to prevent economic collapse. Greece, Ireland and Portugal received a wave of aid from the European Financial Stability Facility in October, 2011. **RACE TO THE WHITE HOUSE** As many as 10 legitimate candidates vied for the Republican party's presidential nomination in 2012.

MF GLOBAL BANKRUPT

When the NYC financial derivatives brokerage filed Chapter 11, the reported \$1.6 billion shortfall constituted the eighth largest filing in U.S. history.



U.S. HIKERS RELEASED

Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer were freed after being held in Iran on charges of espionage since 2009. Sarah Shourd (left) was released in 2010.



RIOTS

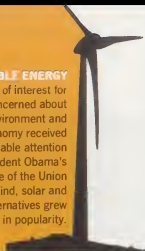
Trouble flared following a peaceful protest in Tottenham over a fatal shooting by police. Scenes of violence and looting spread across London and its boroughs.

MF Global

GAS PRICES AVERAGE \$3.74 A GALLON ON MARCH 1, 2012 - UP 37 CENTS IN A YEAR

RENEWABLE ENERGY

A topic of interest for those concerned about the environment and the economy received considerable attention in President Obama's January State of the Union address. Wind, solar and ethanol alternatives grew in popularity.



FIERCE TORNADO DAMAGE

VIOLENT APRIL TORNADO OUTBREAK

While Tuscaloosa, AL received the lion's share of damage on April 27, 2011 when tornadoes there caused devastation and killed nearly 300 people, the storm series included 359 confirmed tornadoes in 21 states over the course of three days. Four of the twisters were rated F-5, the rating for most destructive storms.



RED CROSS

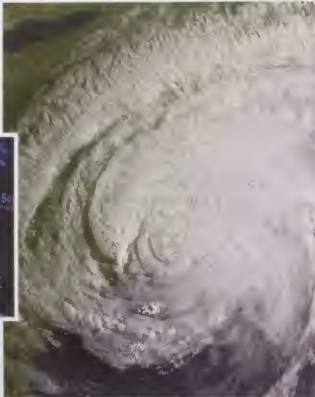
Extreme weather and other catastrophes caused the agency to launch 137 relief operations in 46 states in 2011. **JOPLIN DISASTER** May's F-5 tornado destroyed one-third of the Missouri town, killing more than 150.

HURRICANE IRENE

In late August, severe winds and intense rainfall brought flooding and damage to the northeast. More than 5 million homes and businesses were without power for as long as a week.

EAST COAST QUAKE

While little damage and only minor injuries were reported following a 5.9 earthquake in August, a crack was found in the famed Washington Monument and the Virginia quake was felt from Toronto to Charlotte. **WILDFIRES** A long-standing drought and strong winds contributed to the worst wildfire season in the history of Texas.



IN THE SCIENCE LAB...

CAUGHT ALIVE After a three-week hunt in September in the Philippines, villagers captured a 21-foot-long saltwater crocodile weighing 2,369 pounds.



NICE NAME A new planet, HD85512B, was discovered about 36 light-years away. It could be one of the most Earth-like planets yet — if its atmosphere allows clouds.



TEENIE TINY Scientists New Guinean rain forests found the world's smallest vertebrate, measuring just 7.7 millimeters long. The tiny frog was roughly the size of a housefly.

AMID DISASTER & DEVASTATION... HOPE



CATASTROPHIC DESTRUCTION

THE MOST POWERFUL EARTHQUAKE ever to hit Japan was an undersea megathrust in March 2011.

The 9.0 temblor, which lasted nearly five minutes, caused tsunamis that flooded cities more than five miles inland and sent tidal waves crashing to the United States. In addition to local damage done by the earthquake and accompanying tsunami, the event crippled three Fukushima nuclear reactors, releasing dangerous levels of radiation.



PRAYER CANDLES Showing support for earthquake and tsunami victims, survivors and aid workers lit up the night. Records showed 15,844 confirmed dead and 3,450 listed as missing since the March disaster. Damage was estimated at \$217.7 billion.



FALLING MARS ROCKS

Meteorites from Mars fell in Morocco in July, delighting scientists who for years have feared their samples had been tainted with "Earth materials."



PANDAS TO PARIS

After a decade of negotiations and a 5,000-mile flight, a pair of Chinese pandas flew to France, where they'll take up residence in the zoo at Beauval.



CANCER VACCINE

In January, a Buffalo, NY lab announced the development of a vaccine which they believe will "eradicate cancer cells and prevent disease relapse."

DOES EXIST / ALBINO-LIKE PENGUIN / DOG FOUND ALIVE 4 DAYS AFTER AVALANCHE / CYCLOPS SHARK

AGAINST ALL ODDS

A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR IN ENTERTAINMENT

NEW JUDGES Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler joined *American Idol* as season 10 judges, following the departure of Simon Cowell. Tyler became a fan favorite, saving the ratings in 2011. **THE**

MUPPETS After 12 years, The Muppets returned to the silver screen. With over \$100 million at the box office, the film became the highest-grossing of the Muppets' series. **THE HUNGER GAMES** With the excitement of the 2012 release of the first installment of *The Hunger Games* to theaters, the print trilogy became a top seller on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble during the holiday season.

REBECCA BLACK After her YouTube video "Friday" went viral and racked up over 10 million views, the California teen earned a cameo in a Katy Perry video. "Friday" also appeared on *Glee* and *Dancing with the Stars*.

KEEPING UP WITH THE KARDASHIANS They are everywhere. Kim wed, then divorced NBA star Kris Humphries. Khloe followed husband Lamar to Dallas (and so did brother Rob). Bruce Jenner underwent surgery to remove skin cancer. Kourtney was pregnant with baby number two. Kendall and Kylie Jenner made the cover of *Teen* magazine in March.



THE HELP Stronger-than-expected box office returns for the movie caused a huge bump in sales for the book across the country. **THE MAIDS COME OUT ON TOP** The film



received a lot of attention from the Academy Awards, Golden Globes, and the NAACP Image Awards. Octavia Spencer Best Supporting Actress in both award shows — the secret to success, well, it's all in the pan.



NEW MAN Ashton Kutcher "moved in" to replace Charlie Sheen in the ninth season of CBS's *Two and a Half Men*.

STATE FAIR STAGE COLLAPSE Just before Sugarland took the stage at the Indiana State Fair on August 13, a high-velocity gust from a severe thunderstorm hit the above-stage fly system. The stage collapsed, causing seven deaths and injuring 40. **BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD** After a 14-year hiatus, MTV revived Mike Judge's teen cartoon in October.

The major difference was that the duo's commentary shifted to reality shows like *Jersey Shore* rather than obscure metal videos. **GOLDEN GLOBES** Ricky Gervais offended Hollywood one joke at a time when he hosted the 2011 Golden Globes. Even so, NBC invited Gervais to host again in 2012 due to high ratings.

CHOICE TV

THE BIG BANG THEORY
NCIS: LOS ANGELES
MODERN FAMILY
FRINGE
ICARLY
BURN NOTICE
HAWAII FIVE-0
SMALLVILLE
THE VAMPIRE DIARIES

JOSSIE GIRL
BONES
GLEE
TEEN WOLF



BOX OFFICE HITS...



HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 2



TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON

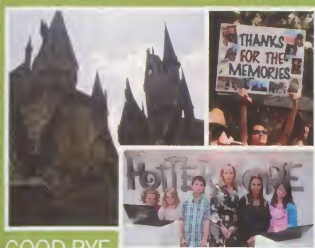


BREAKING DAWN: PART 1



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES

#TOPALBUMDOWNLOADS 21-ADELE / SIGH NO MORE-MUMFORD & SONS / THA CARTER IV-LIL' WAYNE / WATCH



GOOD-BYE HARRY POTTER

THE END OF AN ERA Harry Potter's movie franchise came to an end with the release of its final installment in July 2011. The series became the highest-grossing franchise in domestic box office history, accumulating \$2.4 billion in America and \$7.7 billion worldwide. Though we have to say good-bye to Harry and friends as the Potter films come to a close, Muggles can continue to enjoy the world of Harry Potter through the additions of the Wizarding World Theme Park at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida and JK Rowling's new online experience, Pottermore.



ADELE Billboard's Artist of the Year released her second album, 21, which immediately topped the charts and remained there for 13 weeks to become the year's best-selling album. An October vocal cord hemorrhage required microsurgery, forcing the 21-year-old Brit to take a break from performing, but she sang at the Grammys where her six nominations turned into six wins.



MARVEL-IOUS SUMMER

TOP OF THE CHARTS Superhero films made a huge splash in the summer of 2011, topping the box office charts with their debuts. **STAY FOR THE CREDITS!** If you stuck around at the end of Thor, Captain America and Iron Man you would have gotten a sneak peak at the upcoming Avengers movie where all these characters will join forces.

TOP 2011 GAME RELEASES

MINECRAFT PORTAL 2

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA:
SKYWARD SWORD

UNCHARTED 2: DRINKS & DESCRIPTION
BATMAN: ARKHAM CITY



TEENAGE DREAM

Katy Perry's third studio/pop album earned her six No. 1 hits. MTV's 2011 Artist of the Year, Perry also became the first artist to spend 52 consecutive weeks in the Top 10 of Billboard's Top 100. **BEYONCÉ'S BABY BUMP** Beyoncé revealed her baby bump during her performance at the MTV Video Music Awards. Blue Ivy Carter was born Jan. 12, 2012 and, at five days old, she became the youngest performer to hit the Billboard charts.



FAST FIVE



MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE
- GHOST PROTOCOL



CARS 2



SHERLOCK HOLMES:
A GAME OF SHADOWS

THE THRONE - KANYE WEST & JAY-Z / MYLO XYLOTO - COLDPLAY / BORN THIS WAY - LADY GAGA / LOUD - RIHANNA

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

FROM THRILLING VICTORIES TO DEVASTATING INJURIES, IN UPSETS AND CLOSE LOSSES, THEY PLAYED TO WIN

3000 HITS In July, NY Yankee Derek Jeter became the 28th player in baseball history (and the first Yankee!) to break 3,000. **NEW WIMBLEDON CHAMP** Serbian Novak Djokovic's first Wimbledon title broke Rafael Nadal's 20-win streak at the grass tournament. **LEAVING ST. LOUIS** After 11 years with the Cardinals, three-time NL MVP Pujols signed a \$254 million, 10-year contract with the LA Angels, the second-highest in baseball history. **TIDE TURNS** No. 2 Alabama tromped LSU 21-0 in the BCS Championship, avenging a Nov. 5 loss and winning their second national title in three years. **MAVERICKS WIN** The Miami Heat failed to take the title as Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks clinched Dallas's first-ever NBA title in six games.

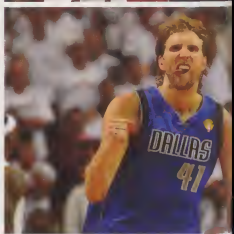


ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Carolina Panthers QB Cam Newton broke the rookie passing record set by veteran Peyton Manning in 1998, throwing 3,893 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes.



FATAL CRASH Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon died in October after he struggled to avoid a fiery 15-car pileup, flew over another vehicle and hit the catch fence in the season's final race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. **FANS MOURN** Wheldon was a crowd favorite for his talent behind the wheel, but just as much for the way he treated people off the track.



PLAYING IT SAFE...

SEASON-ENDING INJURY After multiple surgeries on his injured neck, QB Peyton Manning's future with the Indianapolis Colts and the NFL were questionable.



STRICTER RULES NFL rule changes affected kickoff and penalties for unnecessary roughness. The rule changes were created to curb injuries related to brain damage.



SHORT STAY After 10 months recovering from a concussion, Penguins' star Sidney Crosby returned. Less than two weeks later, another injury forced him back to the sidelines.

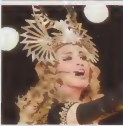
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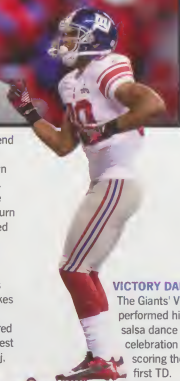
DOUBLE GOLD Canadian Mark McMorris took top Aspen X Games honors with Gold in both Snowboard Big Air and Snowboard Slopestyle. **PROUD PRODIGY** Canada's Roz Greenwood broke records held by former teammate Sarah Burke in the Ski SuperPipe. **FRONT FLIP** Idaho's Heath Frisby won Snowmobile Best Trick honors, landing the first-ever front flip on a snowmobile.

SUPER BOWL REMATCH

SUPER BOWL XLVI, played in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, was the most-watched TV event ever with 111.3 million viewers. The halftime show featuring Madonna topped game viewership with 114 million tuning in. The game was a rematch of the 2008 Super Bowl (XLII) between the New England Patriots and the NY Giants. The Giants won 21-17 after a close game and a failed Hail Mary pass by Patriot QB Tom Brady. NY QB Eli Manning was named MVP.



HE'S IN! Patriots' tight end Aaron Hernandez scores a third quarter touchdown on a 12-yard Brady pass. **INTERCEPTION** Middle linebacker Chase Blackburn intercepts a pass intended for Patriot tight end Rob Gronkowski. **WINNING TOUCHDOWN** Giants' Ahmad Bradshaw scores as Patriots' Brandon Spikes closes in. **SPECTACLE** The halftime show featured Madonna and several guest stars including Nicki Minaj, Cee Lo Green and others.



VICTORY DANCE The Giants' Victor Cruz performed his famous salsa dance touchdown celebration after scoring the game's first TD.

CONCUSSION CRACK-DOWN

The National Hockey League adopted a more stringent protocol in the care of concussions and punishment of illegal hits.



SKIING ACCIDENT

Freeskier Sarah Burke's death followed a routine 540-degree flat spin which landed her on her head and raised additional questions over protective gear.



NEW LANDING PAD

Designed by Stephen Slen and Aaron Coret, after he was paralyzed in a snowboarding accident, the Katal landing pad reduces the risk of injury.

MICHIGAN STATE CHEERLEADER FALLS ON HER HEAD DURING STUNT THEN GIVES THUMBS UP TO WORRIED FANS

DAYTONA 500 After rain delayed the start of the race for an entire day, Juan Pablo Montoya slammed his car into a jet dryer truck containing 200 gallons of kerosene, igniting the track.



WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR After upsetting favored UConn in the semifinals, Notre Dame lost to Texas A&M. The Aggies clinched the 76-70 win with 22 points in the second half from Danielle Adams. **GREEN JACKET**

Twenty-six-year-old South African Charl Schwartzel won the 75th Masters 50 years to the day after Gary Player became the first international player to win the tourney.

DRAMATIC VICTORY Tony Stewart won his third NASCAR championship, slipping past Carl Edwards, who he trailed by three points at the start of the season's final race.

CARDINALS TAKE THE SERIES After coming within a single strike of losing twice in Game 6, the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Texas Rangers 6-2 in Game 7 of the World Series to win the club's 11th crown. **WIMBLEDON**

UPSET Petra Kvitová, a 21-year-old Czech, overpowered three-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova to earn her first Grand Slam win. **STANLEY CUP** After home-team wins in the first six games, Boston trounced Vancouver

4-0, sparking riots in downtown Vancouver. Boston goaltender Tim Thomas was named the MVP after allowing just eight goals in the series. **LEADER START TO FINISH** Rory McIlroy, a 22-year-old Northern Irishman, won the U.S. Open by eight strokes, setting a new course record. **FINALLY!** Cadel Evans, twice runner-up, became the first Australian (and, at 34, the oldest rider since World War II) to win the Tour de France. **UCONN CROWN** The No. 3 seed Huskies outlasted Butler 53-41 in the finals, making Coach Jim Calhoun the fifth coach ever to win three NCAA titles.



LIN-TASTIC Harvard-educated NY Knick Jeremy Lin was the NBA's newest sensation. He became a breakout star after injuries on the team thrust him in to the point guard position.



IN IT TO WIN IT

BIG WINS, NAIL-BITERS AND BROKEN RECORDS

BREAKING RECORDS...

WHAT A YEAR! Saints QB Drew Brees broke Dan Marino's 1984 record for yards passed in a season. Brees' 5,087 yards made him the first ever to pass the 5,000-yard mark twice.

HUGE WAVES Hawaiian surfer Garrett McNamara caught a 90-foot wave off the coast of Portugal. A phenomenon known as "Nazaré Canyon" created giant waves there.

HE'S PERFECT American snowboarder Shaun White scored a perfect 100 in Aspen. After nailing a back-to-back double cork, White got the first perfect score in X Games history.



#RECORDBREAKERS JAMAICA SETS WORLD RECORD OF 37.04 SECONDS IN MEN'S 4X100M RELAY

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP



OVERTIME! Nearing elimination, American Abby Wambach's header tied the score against Brazil. Before the United States won 5-3. **FANS WORLDWIDE**

The United States and Japan played one of the most-watched finals in World Cup history. **JAPAN WINS**

Japan came from behind twice to take the FIFA World Cup honors 3-1 in a morale-boosting win after the devastating earthquakes/tsunami.

LOCKOUT DRAMA

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PITTED PLAYERS

AGAINST OWNERS in both the NBA and NFL. Sports fans feared the worst but both leagues were able to agree in time to save most of their regular seasons. In the NBA, the focus was primarily on cutting player salaries to help struggling teams. Both sides remained far apart on just about every major issue. They settled in late November, agreeing to a 66-game schedule, with the first games set for Christmas Day, cutting two weeks off the regular season. The NFL lockout lasted from March 11 to July 25. Once an agreement was reached, the players won additional benefits; the continuation of a 16-game regular season schedule, improvements in player safety and increased injury protection. Almost as soon as an agreement was reached, trades, deals, cuts and contracts were made.



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Executive Director of the National Football League Players Association DeMaurice Smith, Philadelphia Eagles' Riley Cooper, Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry.



ARMSTRONG RETIRES

Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong retired from professional cycling and revealed plans to co-chair a campaign for cancer research.



WINNINGEST

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski became the men's career win leader in December with 903 and Tennessee's Pat Summitt continued to coach despite a diagnosis of dementia.



DOUBLE TROUBLE

Minnesota Timberwolves Kevin Love's streak of 53 consecutive games with a double-double surpassed the mark Moses Malone set in 1979.



NY YANKEE MARIANO RIVERA MAKES THE BOOKS WITH 602 CAREER SAVES

FASCINATING! Cousin to the groom and wedding attendee Princess Beatrice was among the many who wore hats; her "fascinator" was designed by Irish milliner to the stars, Philip Treacy.

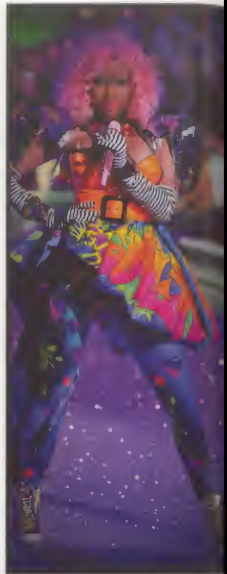


ROYAL STYLE

A FAVORITE POSE Following the ceremony at Westminster Abbey, Kate Middleton and Prince William headed to Buckingham Palace for the reception. An estimated 2 billion viewers watched the nuptials on television. The April 29, 2011 celebrations were the U.K.'s biggest royal event since the 1997 funeral of William's mother, Princess Diana, who died in an auto accident.

PIPPA MAKES WAVES The bride's younger sister, Pippa Middleton, was her maid of honour. Less than two years apart in age, the duo both worked for the family's party business.

A NEW STYLE Kate and sister Pippa inspired young women with their preference for classic, affordable pieces.



SPOTIFY The Swedish online music streaming service grew to more than 10 million users with Facebook integration.

NETFLIX APOLOGIZES Customer backlash caused the video company to renounce its decision to separate its online and mail rental services. **iPHONE 4S** The fifth generation iPhone was the first model to feature Siri, a voice-activated control system which could answer questions and control the phone.



SOPA/PIPA On January 18, Google, Wikipedia, WordPress and hundreds of other sites participated in an online protest of bills feared to threaten free expression. **GOOGLE**

PLUS The social networking service was released in phases beginning in June 2011.

BON JOVI DEATH HOAX Facebook and Twitter contributed to the rapid spread of false news of the rocker's demise in December.



TRENDS...



NAIL POLISH Celebrity colors were all the rage, including options inspired by movies, the Kardashians and even Miss Piggy. Her bold magenta was named "Excuse Me!!!"



ONE FOR ONE For every pair of Toms sold, a pair of lightweight, colorful shoes was donated to children in developing countries; donations have topped 1,000,000 pairs.



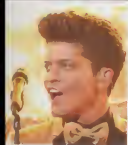
TIGERS AND PANDAS... Available everywhere from the streets of NYC to high style stores like TopShop, colorful animal head hats were popular with people of many ages.

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ANYTHING GOES

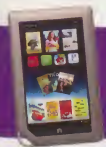
THE MORE OUTRAGEOUS, the better when it came to the outfits worn by Lady Gaga and other top pop sensations. Nicki Minaj, Rhianna, Lady Gaga and LMFAO's RedFoo were known for their overly colorful, super theatrical looks on stage and at public events.



ALL "POMPED" UP Grammy-nominated singer Bruno Mars channeled rockabilly style with his pompadour and classic suits. Mars was the best-selling digital artist in 2011, with three singles in the top 10. **MARKETING PLAN** Abercrombie offered to pay MTV's "Jersey Shore" cast members not to wear its clothes on air. **BELIEB IT!** It was big news when Justin Bieber cut and then colored his famous locks. The singer turned 18 in March.

WHAT'S TRENDING

TECH "TOYS" AND FASHION AND ROYALS, OH MY!



TABLET COMPUTING

Sales grew 250% in 2011 and even more companies entered the market. New releases included the Kindle Fire, Nook tablet and iPad 2.



HAIR FEATHERS

Colorful and textured feather extensions could be curled or straightened. Steven Tyler, judge of *American Idol*, was credited with popularizing the extensions.



GEEK CHIC

Whether you called them nerd glasses or hipster frames, retro plastic frames were back, including versions released in new Ray-Ban, Persol and Burberry lines.

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SAYING GOODBYE TO PEOPLE, PRODUCTS & PROGRAMS

A VISIONARY'S LEGACY

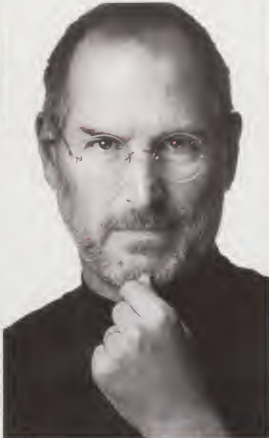
HIS STORY The biography of Steve Jobs, written by Walter Isaacson, was Amazon's best-selling book of 2011 in October.



THE WORLD MOURNED A GREAT INNOVATOR

After years of speculation about his health, Apple CEO Steve Jobs resigned his post in August. On Oct. 5, at 56, pancreatic cancer took the California visionary too soon. Jobs co-founded Apple Computer in 1976 and, with his childhood friend, Steve Wozniak, marketed what was considered the world's first successful personal computer, changing the world. **GONE AT 48** Whitney Houston was set to perform at Clive Davis' pre-Grammy party at the Beverly Hilton hotel. Instead, the affair turned into a tribute for the singer/actress/model who was found lifeless in her suite that afternoon. **GABBY**

GIFFORDS RECOVERY The Democrat from Arizona, who survived a shooting in January 2011, stepped down from office a year later to concentrate on her recovery. A special election was set to fill the remainder of her term. **FINAL LIFT OFF** After nearly four decades of space exploration, America's three re-usable shuttles were retired over a five-month period in 2011. The shuttles Discovery, Endeavor and Atlantis were housed at museums from coast to coast as research continued from the International Space Station and future development and operation of new rockets and capsules was shifted from the government to private industry.



CH-CH-CHANGES...



DIPPIN' DOTS A costly legal battle contributed to a bankruptcy filing in Kentucky, where the "ice cream of the future" continued to be made.



BLOCKBUSTER FILES CHAPTER 11 Competitor Netflix forced the 25-year-old video rental company into bankruptcy, closing some stores and kiosks.

BORDERS



BORDERS America's second largest bookstore liquidated the stock of its 399 remaining stores as a result of the rapidly changing book industry.

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BREAKING WORLD NEWS TWITTER STYLE

IT STARTED SO INNOCENTLY. IT consultant Sohaib Athar (@ReallyVirtual) had moved to remote Abbottabad, Pakistan to escape the rat race. On May 1, 2011, he tweeted about a late-night military operation involving helicopters hovering over the city. While Navy Seals were involved in a firefight on Osama bin Laden's compound, Athar was lightheartedly complaining that the copters were keeping him awake. Unknowingly, he was the first to report the mission using Twitter. The attack on the 38,000-square-foot compound was followed by bin Laden's burial at sea.

TIME



@ReallyVirtual

Uh oh, now I'm the guy who liveblogged the Osama raid without knowing it.

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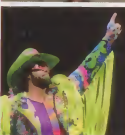
BOXING LEGEND Former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier died of liver cancer in Philadelphia at 67. A Gold medalist in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, Frazier won 73% of his fights by knockout and was known for his left hook.

DICTATOR KIM JONG IL



North Korea's long-time leader, believed to have had a stroke in 2008, died of a heart attack in December. His third son, Kim Jong Un, had been named his successor in September of 2010.

OOOOH YEAHHHHH



The WWF's Macho Man Randy Savage died in Florida in May, 2011 when he had a heart attack while driving. The six-time world champion, who'd been retired from wrestling for more than five years, also did movie voiceovers.

JOE PATERNO At 86,



Penn State's head football coach had won more Division I games than any other coach (409); he went undefeated five times and had won 24 bowl games. He left the university amid controversy in November and died in January.

DUNDER MIFFED? After seven seasons playing Michael Scott, Steve Carrell left The Office to concentrate on his movie career.

While Carrell had originally announced that he would not return after the 2011 season, CBS later decided that the final episodes of the season would focus on the challenges of replacing Scott at the Scranton branch of the mythical paper company. **AMY WINEHOUSE**

On July 23, 2011 Grammy award-winning singer Amy Winehouse was found dead in her London home. Following her death, the 2006 album, *Back to Black*, became the U.K.'s best-selling album in the 21st century.



NO MORE UNLIMITED DATA PLANS Verizon announced that, beginning in July, it would offer tiered data plans, calling unlimited plans "unsustainable."



DEMISE OF TWINKIES?

Maker Hostess filed for bankruptcy (again), but there was no indication the sweet treats would become extinct.



FROM OPRAH TO OWN

After 25 seasons on air, media mogul Oprah Winfrey pulled the plug on her talk show and created her OWN channel.



NEWS ANCHOR ANDY ROONEY / NFL TEAM OWNER AL DAVIS / ACTOR RYAN DUNN / FORMER MONKEE DAVY JONES

TAKIN' IT TO THE EXTREME

PUTTING A TIMESTAMP ON THE YEAR'S FADS/NEWS



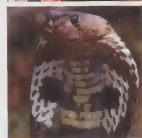
BACON MANIA

IT'S EVERYWHERE! From bacon bandages to an ever-growing array of edible products, bacon prevailed. Bacon-flavored cupcakes, lip balm and dental floss found their way to market.



TEBOW MANIA

FORMER HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER and Denver Broncos QB Tim Tebow inspired fans when — surrounded by celebrating teammates — he knelt in prayer following a victory. As with other posing phenoms, photos and videos of people "Tebowing" and unaffected by their incongruous surroundings were common.



EVERYTHING OLD...

Instagram and Pinterest allowed photographers and crafters to create and share online. **CRAZY FOR COUPONS** From TV shows and websites teaching people to save to online services like Groupon and Living Social, it was all about getting more for less. **MIA (MISSING IN ACTION)** Thanks to Twitter, the world was very aware of a 20-inch cobra thought to be missing from the Bronx Zoo. After a week of searches, the three-ounce female was discovered onsite.

BACK TO THE FUTURE Nike started selling its Marty McFly self-lacing shoes in September, but it was the Air Jordan XI Concord that caused chaos, lines and holiday shopping scenarios that required police assistance. **PLANKING** It wasn't enough to lay face down, expressionless with your arms at your side and fingers and toes pointed. To "count" as planking, a photo or video needed to be posted online.



TRY IT FRIED...



KOOL-AID BALLS New at the San Diego County Fair: a fried treat resembling a donut hole, flavored with cherry Kool-Aid. The vendor sold thousands.



MOON PIE With its graham cracker cookies, marshmallow filling and chocolate (or flavored) covering, this treat was also popular fried.



CANDY BARS A favorite at fairs for years, fried Snickers and other flavors were also found battered, fried and served a la mode on dessert menus.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995 (Department of Health 1996).

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